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Israeli housing plan prompts general strike

TEL AVIV, March 25 (AP) — Palestinians throughout the occupied West Bank went on general strike Tuesday in angry protest of Israel's plan to house Jewish students in the West Bank city of Hebron (al Khali).

Total shutdowns of businesses and schools were reported by the Israel state radio in the cities of Hebron, Nablus, Ramallah, Bethlehem and Halhoul. Strikes were also staged in Jenin and smaller West Bank towns.

West Bank leaders planned a meeting at Bir Zeit University near Ramallah to discuss further action to protest the government's decision Sunday to build two live-in schools in the center of Hebron.

Fahd Qawasmeh, mayor of the city of 50,000, said at a rally Monday he would resist the decision "by all means at our disposal," and said he would prefer exile or jail in action. "There's no jail big enough for all of us," he said.

The Israeli cabinet voted by a narrow 8-6 majority to carry out the plan, and opened the most severe split yet in Prime Minister Menachem Begin's cabinet. Newspapers reported that at least three ministers, including Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, were considering resignation, although there was no independent confirmation.

The decision must be approved by a parliamentary committee on defense, by demand of a liberal coalition partner.

Israeli analysts reported that tempers in the West Bank had risen following the decision, and approached the level of anger that led to riots in 1976 when more than a dozen Palestinians were shot dead by occupation troops.

The analysis, writing in the newspapers *Davar* and *Haaretz*, noted that Qawasmeh's call for action Monday was the most open call

Sultan: French bid courageous

RIYADH, March 25 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's Defense Minister Prince Sultan said Tuesday that Saudi Arabia would seek the help of its friends if it were attacked by another power, but he also reaffirmed the kingdom's reluctance to provide military facilities to any foreign country.

These statements were part of an interview with the French magazine *Le Nouvel Observateur*. The prince said the only interpretation of the Afghanistan invasion is that the Soviet Union wants to spread its influence over the Gulf area.

Prince Sultan urged the United States to help find a just settlement of the Middle East crisis and invited France for its "courageous initiative" in calling for self-determination for the Palestinians. (See Story page 9)

Yamani: Oil output to be maintained

LONDON, March 25 (R) — Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani made clear Tuesday that Saudi Arabia was keeping its oil output at its current high level at least until July, which should ensure that planned cuts by other producers do not mean a shortage and soaring prices. (*Arab News* and *Ashtarq Al Awwat* first reported on March 4 that Sheikh Yamani was expected to announce the decision shortly.)

But Sheikh Yamani added a warning that Saudi Arabia could not be expected to go on for ever using its huge 9.5 million barrels a day production to save the world from the consequences of unrestrained greed for oil.

In a speech to Britain's Institute of Directors he called for a global energy program to "move our world away from the edge of an abyss."

Among guiding principles for this he suggested that industrialized countries both try harder to conserve energy and scrap or mitigate environmental restraints on the development of alternative to oil, such as coal and nuclear power.

Sheikh Yamani was asked from the audience whether speculation was correct that Saudi output would be drastically cut — Kuwait, Libya and Venezuela, and some other producers plan cuts from April 1 which will reduce total output by the Organization of Petroleum Countries (OPEC) to below 29 million barrels a day, compared with 30.7 in 1979.

Sheikh Yamani replied that the world's biggest exporter, would stay at its present level of 9.5 million barrels a day, at least for the second quarter of 1980.

Saudi Arabia went up, by one million barrels daily, to this figure last year when output by Iran was slashed during the revolution there, oil was short and world prices doubled.

Industry sources say it appears that Saudi Arabia now wants to ensure that no new shortages trigger more price leaping and that, in a stable market, OPEC can return to the orderly, unified pricing system which it abandoned during last year's crisis.

But Sheikh Yamani told his audience of 3,000 British businessmen that depletion of world oil reserves was so rapid that it was possible to envisage their exhaustion with catastrophic results, in the not very distant future.

"Saudi Arabia has so far been able to delay this abysmal prospect by using its abundant production as a palliative to thwart shortages in world supplies," he said.

"Most observers believe, however, that this unrequited and sacrificial attitude on its part will not go on indefinitely," Sheikh Yamani said.

Outlining six principles for a global energy

'No criticism will force him out'

Ex-Shah accepts Sadat's retirement offer

CAIRO, March 25 (Agencies) — President Anwar Sadat Tuesday said the deposed Shah of Iran had accepted the offer to take permanent retirement in Egypt and vowed that the amount of criticism from Iran would not succeed in forcing him out.

"They may shout until the end of the world," Sadat said in referring to big anti-Egyptian protests in Tehran Tuesday.

"Let me tell the people that their shouts will never bother us," Sadat told reporters after visiting the Shah in his hospital room Tuesday.

"He is preparing now for X-rays and he is still running a high fever. He is in the hands of very capable doctors," Sadat said.

The Egyptian leader said it was likely Muhammad Reza Pahlavi would undergo surgery in the next few days "but he is leaving the whole thing in the hands of his doctors, they will decide." The Shah is said to have cancer of the spleen.

As he did when the Shah arrived Monday, Sadat stressed the Shah "will stay with us here permanently. The Shah, even if he didn't want this, I shall impose it upon him."

Egypt has been the only country willing to give permanent refuge to the former emperor, who fled his country in January last year and failed to gain asylum in a string of Western nations.

Sadat brushed aside threats of retaliation by the Iranian revolutionary regime and declined to speculate on the effect of the

Shah's presence here on the American hostage situation in Tehran.

You should ask President Carter this," said Sadat. "This is something that concerns the United States...for me, I can't answer this."

Unnamed administration officials in Washington said Monday they thought the Shah's flight from Panama would not seriously affect the hostage situation. Pahlavi flew to Cairo 24 hours before the Iranian regime was to file an extradition request.

A Cairo newspaper reported Tuesday the United States tried to persuade Sadat to tone down his reception of the Shah. But Sadat and his family went to the airport and gave Pahlavi a red-carpet welcome.

Al Akhbar newspaper, which is state-controlled, also reported the Shah left Panama because of an alleged American Central Intelligence Agency plan to poison him.

Sadat referred to a statement by Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr in which he said the Shah would prove to be a poisoned gift for the Egyptian leader.

"Let me tell you this, I am a Muslim and a true Muslim, and this is Islam," Sadat said. "Not the Islam they practice there in Iran, hatred and vengeance. We shall stick to this."

Sadat said the Shah could reside permanently anywhere in Egypt that he liked, and added there were lots of residences prepared for him. The Shah's entourage and some

Soviets accept talks on Afghan crisis

TEHRAN, March 25 (AP) — The Soviet Union has accepted the principle of talks with Iran and other countries in the region in an effort to end the fighting in Afghanistan, Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh said Tuesday.

Iran proposed more than two weeks ago that talks be held among Pakistan, the Soviet Union, the Afghan government, the Afghan freedom fighters, and possibly China, Ghotbzadeh said. He said the Soviet ambassador in Tehran responded by saying Moscow accepted the principle of negotiations.

Ghotbzadeh said the aim of the talks would be the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan and guarantees of the territorial integrity and neutrality of the central Asian state at Iran's eastern border.

Ghotbzadeh said Iran wants an end to outside interference in Afghanistan so the Afghans can choose their own government.

He said he could not say whether the Soviets had accepted the principles of Afghan neutrality, non-interference and territorial integrity because there had been no negotiations yet.

U.S. officials said Monday that President Jimmy Carter can only hope U.S. allies would lend their support if he had to carry out his pledge to use military force against the Soviet Union in the Gulf.

West German Defense Minister Hans Apel said Tuesday that West Germany and Japan must cooperate to try to get Soviet forces out of Afghanistan.

Speaking to reporters at the end of a three-day visit, the first to Japan by a West German defense minister, he discounted any possibility of a West German or Japanese military presence in the Gulf region.

But he said that the two countries, as strong economic powers, should exert economic and diplomatic pressure "to contain further Soviet aggression and invasions."

Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan discussed Afghanistan and the Middle East with West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Bonn foreign ministry said.

Genscher told Prince Hassan that because of the Soviet Union's intervention in Afghanistan it was particularly urgent that the dispute between the Arab states and Israel should be resolved, a ministry statement said.



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Algeria, Jordan stress support for Palestinians

AMMAN, March 25 (R) — President Chadi Benjedid of Algeria and King Hussein of Jordan have emphasized their determination to promote Arab solidarity and support the Palestinian Arab population in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, official sources said.


Benjedid, who is on a tour of Syria, Jordan and Iraq, was dinner guest Monday of the king while they discussed the current Arab situation, international affairs and bilateral relations.

"An atmosphere of fraternity, confidence and full understanding prevailed over the talks," the sources said.

"There has been full agreement between the Jordanian and Algerian sides on all questions discussed."

Benjedid arrived here Monday from Damascus where he declared that his country supported Syria in its confrontation with Israel and American imperialism.

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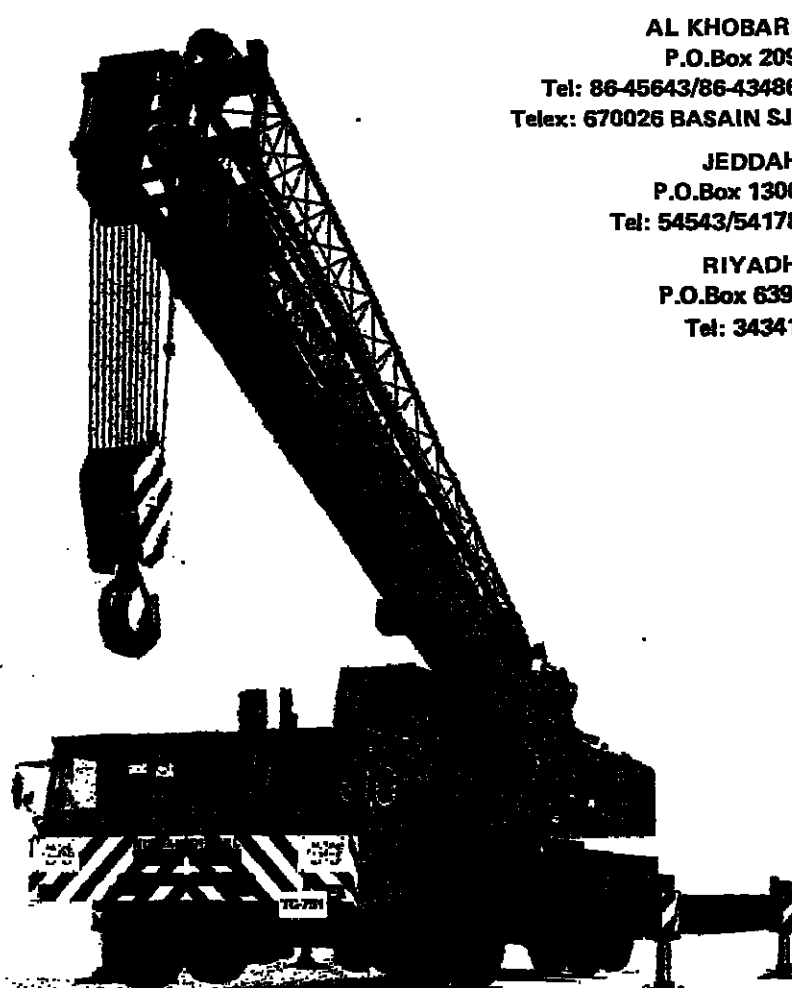
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W. German to discuss export credit security

BONN, March 25 (R) — West German Finance Minister Hans Matthöfer said he will leave on Wednesday for economic and trade talks in Greece, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

He told reporters he would spend one day in each country to discuss matters such as debt rescheduling and the security of West Germany's export credits.

Matthöfer, who is organizing international aid for Turkey, said he would not be able to attend a meeting in Paris on Wednesday of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development to discuss the matter.

West Germany will be represented at the meeting of the 24-nation Paris-based OECD by Finance Ministry Secretary of State Manfred Lahnstein.

The trip follows a report from West Germany on March 21 that the country is borrowing billions of marks from Saudi Arabia to offset effects of a deficit in the current balance of payments.

Deputy spokesman Armin Gruenewald told reporters the government planned to borrow "under ten billion marks," or about \$5.4 billion, but he gave no specific figures.

Gruenewald said the move was aimed to offset capital outflows caused by the fact that West Germany's current account turned into a 1979 deficit of 9 billion marks (\$4.8 billion) from a surplus of 17.6 billion marks (\$9.5 billion) in 1978. A 1980 current account deficit of little over 20 billion marks (\$10.7 billion) is expected this year.

Abdullah to watch maneuvers

RIYADH, March 25 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, will see the final stages of maneuvers by the joint divisions of the National Guard and the Royal Air Force.

These maneuvers had begun 10 days ago

outside the capital.

According to an official spokesman of the Guard's operations department, these maneuvers represent normal annual exercises by the advanced divisions of the National Guard, with a view to boosting their fighting efficiency and capability.

Saudi ambassador received

JEDDAH, March 25 (SPA) — North Yemeni deputy premier for foreign affairs and foreign minister, Dr. Hassan Makki, received the Saudi Arabian chargé d'affaires in Sanaa, Mahmoud Badiwi, Tuesday. They discussed bilateral relations and ways of promoting it.

Meanwhile, a Saudi Arabian health delegation arrived here Tuesday for few days, during which they will equip and hand over a number of clinics to the Yemeni Ministry of Health.

The clinics of Majanah, Tauran, Ens, and Rehab Al-Qasser are part of the Kingdom's assistance to North Yemen for establishing development projects under the close cooperation between them. The clinics will be handed to the Yemeni government, Wednesday.

Two months ago, the Ministry of Health of Yemen received medical equipment and devices, given by Saudi Arabia for the Republic Hospital in Sanaa. The equipment included devices for eye and bone surgery.



WINNER: King Khalid and Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah present the winner's trophy to Prince Mansour bin Saud, the head of the Arabian horse race team.

BRIEFS

LONDON, March 25 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani met with senior media representatives during his current visit to Britain. He also had lunch with the executive managers of Reuters' news agency and discussed ways of cooperation. He is accompanied by Deputy Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Khojah.

DAMMAM, March 25 (SPA) — The Social Insurance bureau in the Eastern Province granted SR12 million for 6,200 cases as monthly payments and assistance, in the last six months. The director of the bureau, Muhammad Al-Sheika, Tuesday said that a committee for issuing the money has distributed the grants to 1,050 beneficiaries in Khafji, Safaniyya, Nuayriyya, Jubail and Raheemah. Social Insurance branches in Jirah and Sarrah issued money to 3,000 subscribers, of which 2,200 were paid by checks. Sheika said that total money paid to subscribers in the Eastern Province in the year 1979/1980, has amounted to SR24 million.

JEDDAH, March 25 — The Director General of Saudi Arabian Airlines, Sheikh Ahmed Mattar, recently announced that by a resolution of the Saudia Board of Directors, Mr. Hisham Al Bassam has been appointed as Vice President Marketing. Bassam has taken over the position as a result of his vast experience in the field of Marketing, besides his qualifications and courses obtained during his former appointments and services. He was rendering his duties and responsibilities, of every work assigned to him, in a professional manner which made him gain the confidence and respect of his colleagues and superiors in Saudia.

JEDDAH, March 25 — The Ihama Establishment for Advertising, Public Relations and Marketing Research is to organize its second annual cultural rally Wednesday. The function will be held in the evening at Kandara Palace Hotel, and will be attended by high-ranking officials, intellectuals and persons interested in public affairs. Following recitation from the Holy Quran and a speech by Ihama's Director General, a poetical and

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Roeschel briefed on flight training

Minister inspects Jubail

DHAHRAN, March 25 (SPA) — Austrian Defense Minister Otto Roeschel returned here after a visit to Jubail where he inspected the Institute of Marine Studies, ship repair facilities and the dry dock. Later he had lunch at the King Abdul Aziz naval base with a number of senior officers.

Roeschel, who is on an official visit to the Kingdom at the invitation of Defense Minister Prince Sultan, was accompanied by Prince Muhammad bin Jiluwi, acting governor of the

Eastern Province and General Muhammad Al Hammad, chief of staff and other senior officers.

While at the base Roeschel was briefed on the functions of the various departments, flight and aircraft communications, flight training and the F-5 simulator. He was also shown a documentary film and visited the Technical Studies Institute in Dhahran.

The minister had arrived from Riyadh in the morning.

Trade exchange to be discussed

Industry ministers to meet

JEDDAH, March 25 (SPA) — The French minister of light industries, Jean Pierre Bruno will arrive here Friday in a four day visit to the Kingdom. He will meet Dr. Ghazi Alqosaibi, minister of industry and electricity and Dr. Soliman A. Solaim, the minister of commerce for talks in industry and trade exchange between the two countries.

The French minister will participate in the

opening of the French Home exhibition here, Saturday. More than 80 French companies will take part in the exhibition.

The exhibition will be the first organized by France in Saudi Arabia for several years.

French small manufacturers so far unknown in Saudi Arabia will constitute 4/5 of the firms displaying their products.

Microwave nears completion

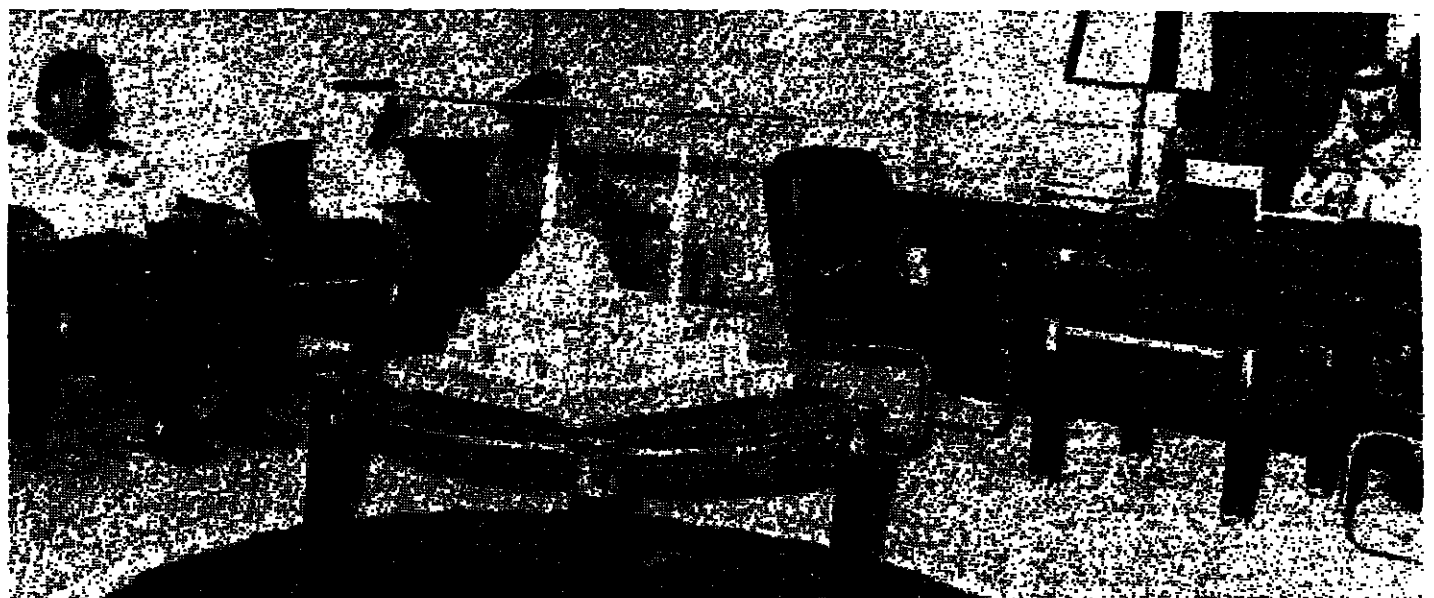
HASA, March 25 (SPA) — The director of the Telephone Department in the Eastern Province, Abdul Aziz Al-Fawzan, Tuesday said that the microwave project will come under operation shortly, and 1,000 telephone lines will be installed by the end of this year, as part of the telephone network expansion in Hasa.

Internal and international telephone trunks of Hasa have been transferred to the trunks of Dammam. Subscribers in Hasa can

ring Dammam directly now, and they have to dial 90 for internal or international calls.

In Dammam a Saudi Arabian firm was awarded a contract to maintain the Qaisumah to Arar road. The contract is believed to be worth more than SR10 million in one year, the director of the department of roads of the Eastern Province, Sami Faada, said Tuesday.

The Qaisumah-Arar road is 580 kilo meters long.



TRESPASSING: Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen chaired Monday a meeting of the committee to control trespassing on government properties in the region. He said while the authorities should be firm in dealing with trespassers they should give property to landless citizens in the distribution of government-owned land.

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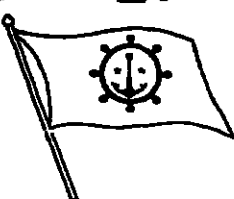
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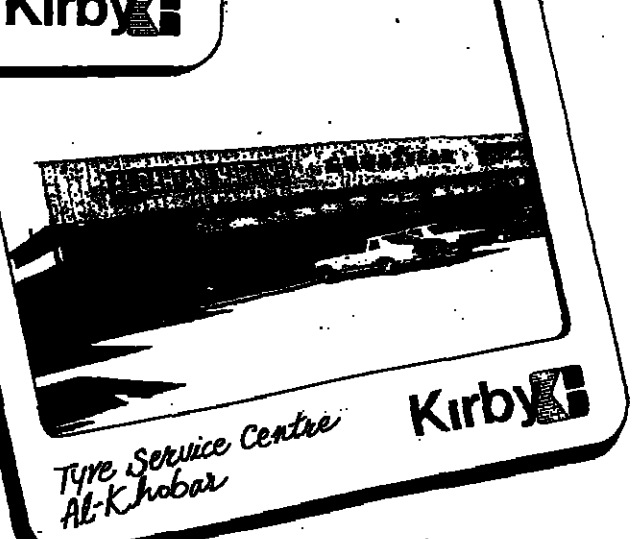
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Sultan denounces Soviets

French initiative courageous'

RIYADH, March 25 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan expressed his appreciation of what he called France's courageous step in calling for Palestinian self-determination and participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the peace process.

In an interview published Tuesday by the French magazine *Le Nouvel Observateur*, Prince Sultan described France's initiative as courageous, just, and based on deep understanding and a clear vision of the Middle East problem. He said he believed that France will keep up and enhance this trend in the future. "The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia highly appreciates the step taken by France when its President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing called for self-determination for the Palestinians and said the PLO should take part in the process," he added.

During the interview, Prince Sultan denounced the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, which he described as "a brutal suppression of the will of a Muslim and peaceful people."

The real source of the country's anxiety is Russia's invasion of Afghanistan. "The only interpretation, if we were asked, is that the Soviets have a long term design to spread their influence in the area of the oil fields and with which our interests and the vital interests of the West are linked."

Prince Sultan went on to say it is natural for Saudi Arabia and Gulf countries to take care of their own defenses, and for this reason the Kingdom spares no effort in fortifying defenses. However, he added that if Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries were attacked by a bigger, stronger country, then "seeking help from our friends would be something legitimate."



Prince Sultan

mate." He added, "As for the Kingdom's refusal to establish foreign bases on its soil, this refusal is decisive and based on the concepts of our foreign policy."

In a question posed to him regarding Iran, Prince Sultan replied, "What happened in Iran was an internal matter related to the will of the Iranian people and emanating from the circumstances that were prevalent in Iran — and this is none of our concern. We only wish our brothers in Iran with whom we maintain good relations, every success and prosperity."

Prince Sultan said that as far as the Soviet influence in some countries in the area, "this is something we don't wish. We wish the area to be clear of foreign presence, be it American or Soviet."

The defense minister said the attack on the Holy Haram in Mecca was merely by religious fanatics gone crazy and not an attempt to shake the regime.

"He who fears an internal threat is the ruler who relies on oppression and injustice and consequently lives in a continuous

state of fear that prevents him from thinking clearly and deprives him of the capability to think about how best to serve his country."

"As for us, ever since King Abdul Aziz unified this country, our main concern has been to serve our people and develop our country. We don't claim perfection, but the marvelous achievements in the Kingdom of the past 30 years have earned the admiration even of those who uphold different opinions and adopt different stands."

"It would be wrong to believe that the income of oil is everything in the overall development of the country. Money alone is not enough. Money has to be supported by the joint will of the rulers and the citizens as well as the strong alliance between them. And this in fact is the source of our strength and our evolution in every field."

As for the development schemes of Saudi Arabia, Prince Sultan said, "they are proceeding according to a well-studied plan and have nothing to do with any reaction to the Haram incident as some circles might think; because it wouldn't be logical to halt our programs for fear that some people might say that they came as a result of pressures arising from the effects of the conspiracy incident in the Haram."

On Saudi-American relations, Prince Sultan urged the United States to work for a just settlement of the Middle East problem "so as to avert a conflagration, which would threaten our joint interests and those of the West as well."

He also said he believed that if Egypt decided in the future to rejoin Arab ranks regarding the Palestinian problem, its return to the Arab fold would only be natural.

Council discusses hospital fees

Ministers form committee for Imam study

RIYADH, March 25 (SPA) — The Council of Ministers met Monday night under Crown Prince Fahd and decided to form a ministerial committee to study the conditions of Imams and Mu'azineen, in an effort to improve their standards.

The council listened to a report by Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie, minister of pilgrimage and endowments on this category of people.

Sheikh Hussain Mansouri, minister of communications and acting minister of

information, said after the two and a half hours meeting, that the council discussed the issue of fees in private hospitals, presented by Dr. Hussain Al-Jazairi, the minister of health.

The report was aimed at enabling private hospitals to obtain fees equivalent to the services they provide to their customers, without exhausting them. The government is eager for the welfare of the patients, the report said.

Sheikh Mansouri said that the council of ministers decided to complete discussions on

the subject at the next meeting.

The council agreed to a request from Dr. Abdul Rahman ibn Abdul Aziz Al-Sheikh, the minister of agriculture and water, to extend Saudi Arabia's participation in the semi-regional center for fishery training in Kuwait. The project was extended for one year starting in September, 1979 to enable trainees in center complete their courses.

Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq, Iran, Qatar, Oman and the UAE are the participants of the project.

Ambassador gives \$100,000

Iraq donates to Islamic Solidarity Fund

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 25 — Iraq has given \$100,000 to the Islamic Solidarity Fund, the president of the ISF's permanent council Dr. Ezzeddin Ibrahim announced.

He said that the Iraqi ambassador handed

him two checks of \$50,000 each, one for the Islamic University project in Nigeria, and the other for the Ahmad Baba center in Timbuctu, in Mali, which is to be turned into a major regional Islamic center.

The ISF permanent council resumed meetings Tuesday for the fourth day running to discuss the Fund's programs, budget and aid

to various Muslim countries and organizations.

It was also addressed by a number of prominent Islamic personalities who came from various parts of the world to explain their projects or report on the conditions of Muslims in their projects or report on the conditions of Muslims in their respective areas.

Late sports wrap-up

Ahli see-saws through league standings

By Manir Muhammad

JEDDAH, March 24 — Ahli was beaten 1-0 by Ittifaq here Sunday night. The first half was cool and goalless, but in the 32nd minute of the second half Ittifaq's Abdul Wahab Abu Anga scored the only goal of the match.

Ahli, last year's King's cup winner, is progressing in the way of a step-forward-and-two-steps-back. Two weeks ago, the team was in for competing for at least the third

place. But they were defeated by Wehda, now at the league's bottom.

Ahli still remains fourth in the league standings despite its frozen points.

The team played Sunday without two of its famous attackers: Amin Daboo and Imad Khojali.

Meanwhile, Nasr defeated Qadisiyya 3-2 in Dammam Sunday night. With this victory, Nasr captured the league lead from Hilal. Although the two teams have 23 points each, Nasr has the advantage of more goals.

Nasr's two goals came through Abdullah Abu Rabu, in the first half. Walid Jassem scored for Qadisiyya, and the first half ended 2-1 in favor of Nasr.

Darwish Said scored Nasr's third goal. But Farid Al-Mueed brought Qadisiyya's second goal.

In Medina, Ohod obtained a precious victory against Wehda in a decisive match Sunday night. After the defeat, Wehda went to the bottom of the league's standings while Ohod raised itself up to the sixth shared with Nahda and Ittifaq.

Hasa holds literature contest

HASA, March 25 (SPA) — The Youth Welfare office in Hasa is organizing a literature competition about the life of the Arab scientist Ibn Sina on the occasion of his 1000th anniversary.

The office announced that conditions for participating in the competition are Saudi Arabian nationality and doing research from reliable scientific sources, and that the forward should contain a review of his life story,

his origin, childhood, tutors, the books he wrote, and his scientific discoveries.

The last date for the competition will be mid-April.

The three first winners will be given financial prizes and their researches will be published in booklets. Ibn Sina is a famous Arab physician and philosopher. He had written over 100 books, of which the most famous is the *Canons of Medicine*.

Saudi Comment

By Hassan Al-Shahri
Al-Nadwa

Sincerity is an expression universally understood in theory, not in practice. It is a benign human quality seen quite rarely these days, or people claim to be sincere but they, in fact, exploit it as a smokescreen for their other ambiguous situations.

If sincerity were to be interpreted, it is nothing more of bearing responsibility by every individual without any languor or indifference. A negative spirit, however, leads to severe results which may create a tendency influence the society as a whole.

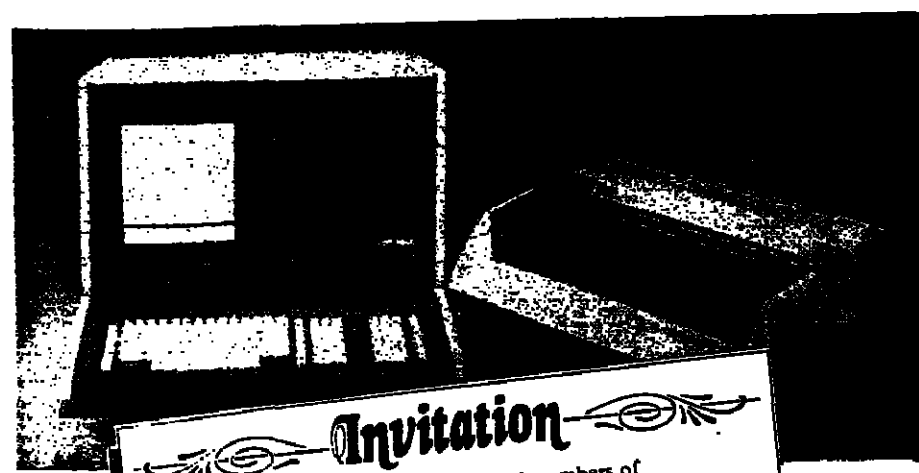
In the world of games and sports, we find any claiming to be sincere, but they are far detached from this human quality. Although they are fully aware that sincerity is the basis of upgrading the sports activities, they prefer keep their personal interests above the

public interest which is, by all means, far more important than anything called personal.

It is, however, an undeniable fact that actual sincerity is crystallized through serving the public interest and not the individual concern. If any player regrets his inability to be a member of his country's selected team while he is ready to represent his club, he only proves that he lacks sincerity. I don't think there should be anyone who will prefer his club to representing his national team. He will do so only if he chooses to remain ignorant of the meaning of sincerity.

Don't say it does not happen, for what we see today is clear enough to prove this point. Representing the country's selected team is no less than a priceless gift offered to any individual. Would anyone, therefore, prefer to abstain from this noble obligation?

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Peace treaty anniversary marred by autonomy fiasco

CAIRO, March 25 (R) — Wednesday's first anniversary of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty passes without celebration in Egypt because of the failure so far of talks on Palestinian autonomy.

But it coincides with a new initiative from President Jimmy Carter to meet the leaders of the two countries next month. He will meet President Anwar Sadat on April 8, Egyptian officials said.

Western diplomats here said the separate meetings in Washington with President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin could result in concessions from both sides.

They recalled that the two leaders softened their hardline attitudes during previous meetings with Carter.

In recent interviews Sadat has shown growing impatience and disappointment at the failure of negotiations on the Palestinian question to make any progress in the past 10 months. He has said he holds Israel responsible if they fail to produce results by May 26, a goal set for the conclusion of the autonomy talks.

Egypt regards the May 26 date as a deadline but Israel considers it a target date. Sadat recently said it was an absolute date and failure to meet it would have grave consequences for Israel and an adverse effect on international relations.

He did not elaborate but the Egyptian president also accused Israel in an interview of taking two steps back for every step forward in the autonomy talks.

The talks, the most serious challenge so far to the peace process, have run into difficulties over sharply divergent interpretations of self-rule for the 1.5 million Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Egypt sees the Camp David accords, concluded in September 1978, as stipulating wide-ranging political, legislative and other powers, leading eventually to Palestinian self-determination.

Israel, which calls the two regions by their Biblical names of Judaea, Samaria and Gaza, claims they are divinely bestowed on the Jewish people and must never be allowed to leave Israeli control.

Palestinian leaders in these areas refuse to have anything to do with the autonomy talks, dismissing them as an attempt to legalize Israeli occupation.

Israel, which annexed the Arab eastern sector of Jerusalem in the 1967 war, has repeatedly said that East Jerusalem will forever remain a part of its capital.

The issue is yet another intricate problem for the faltering talks, although Sadat proposed as a possible solution a joint Arab-Israeli administration in a united city.

The appointment of Yitzhak Shamir as new foreign minister in Israel has further complicated the situation.

Since his famous three "noes" — no Palestinian state, no withdrawal to 1967 borders and no redrawing of Jerusalem



President Sadat

Israel has been under criticism from Egypt.

The process of normalizing relations between the two countries has been proceeding according to plan following Israel's withdrawal from two-thirds of the Sinai Peninsula. But the exchange of ambassadors on Feb. 26 inflamed opposition feelings in Egypt and stirred militant Muslim groups, who demonstrated on university campuses and outside mosques.

Sadat, they said, had brought forward the date for normalization without the slightest indication that Israel would budge from its hardline position. Sadat had promised to complete normalization by March, four months earlier than stipulated in the peace treaty.

The crescendo of protest against normalization increased with the government's failure to solve the economy's most pressing problems. Inflation, for example, is now running officially at 30 per cent a year.

At their summit meetings in Baghdad and Tunis last year the Arabs had agreed in theory to impose strict economic, political and diplomatic sanctions on Egypt.

Sadat claimed that Egypt had managed this year to do without Arab financial assistance, estimated at \$ 750 million annually.

Hassan denies setbacks in W. Sahara war

PARIS, March 25 (R) — King Hassan of Morocco says his country has not suffered serious setbacks in fighting Polisario guerrillas for control of the Western Sahara.

"That is entirely wrong," the king told reporters Monday after lunching with President Giscard d'Estaing on a hurriedly arranged working visit to France.

The king is seeking arms from France and is negotiating a huge weapons package with United States to equip his forces who are caught up in the desert war, now in its fifth year.

King Hassan said Morocco sought a negotiated settlement in the war with the Algerian-backed Polisario Front.

"We are fighting in the Sahara to reach a negotiated settlement. We are not fighting for the sake of fighting," he said as he left the Elysee Presidential Palace.

The king said he challenged anyone to prove that figures mentioned in Moroccan communiques on the fighting were wrong. "The same is not true on the other side."

The Polisario guerrillas have said they killed or wounded 2,000 Moroccans in a battle from March 1 to 11 a few hundred kilometers south of Marrakesh.

The king discussed with President Giscard the Middle East and the Western Sahara conflict.

He agreed with Giscard's declaration backing the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to play a role in the



King Hassan

negotiations for a global peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

Hassan appealed to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to reject the Camp David proposals for the autonomy of the Palestinian people.

"I hope for President Sadat's sake and for the renown of Egypt and the place it occupies, and should occupy in the Arab world, that the Egyptian president categorically rejects the (Palestinian) autonomy proposals in the form which these have been made to him," he said.

Hassan had flown to France from Marrakesh where he presided over a meeting of the Islamic conference's committee on the future of Jerusalem.

The Marrakesh meeting supported Giscard's statement on the Palestinian people's future during his tour of Gulf states, Jordan and Saudi Arabia earlier this month.

France evacuates Europeans as clashes continue in Chad

PARIS, March 25 (Agencies) — French paratroops evacuated more than 500 Europeans from Chad Monday as fighting continued among rival factions in the capital, N'Djamena, official sources said Tuesday.

They said 218 French and foreign civilians, including a large number of Americans, were flown to neighboring Cameroon, and 234 civilians were evacuated in a convoy of more than 100 vehicles under military escort to northern Cameroon.

Despite an agreed ceasefire, forces loyal to President Goukouni Oueddei and those loyal to Defense Minister Hissene Habre continued to fight for positions in the city center, the sources said.

"There is no way to confirm the number of casualties," one official said. "The fighting is now sporadic, but intense for position on the streets."

U.S. officials in Paris confirmed France's evacuation operation, its second major evacuations of Westerners from the war-torn capital in less than a year.

The French news agency Agence France

Presse, in a dispatch from N'Djamena, said that Monday night saw still no hope of Sunday's ceasefire agreement taking hold.

French radio reports have said 700 people were killed during three days of fighting, but the foreign ministry said Monday the figure had originated in Bonn and should be treated with caution.

The sources said the city was still under intermittent attack from the south by forces loyal to a third faction led by Vice-President Abdelkader Wadal Kamougue, whose troops had failed two nights ago to force their way across the bridge over the Chari River and into the city.

But his forces were still within range of the city and firing on positions across the river.

The only casualties among the European civilians were two priests, one French and one Italian, who were slightly wounded on Sunday, the sources said.

Numerous factions have fought for power in Chad since it became independent from France in 1960.

We don't seek destruction of Israel, Arafat says

VIENNA, March 25 (Agencies) — The Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat says he has neither "the intention to kill anybody nor to destroy anybody" in Israel, the Austrian newspaper *Die Presse* reported Tuesday.

Asked whether the goal of establishing a Palestinian state or a homeland also meant a "destruction of present-day Israel," Arafat replied, "The most important goal for me is that my people can live in peace in the land of peace, in a free country, in a democratic state."

"I neither have the intention to kill anybody, nor to destroy anybody. Our people want to establish their state in their homeland. We are not waging a war for the sake of war, we wage no war to kill anybody, we are attacked," the interview quoted him as saying.

Arafat said the Palestinians had suggested they were willing to live in a democratic state with Muslims, Jews and Christians in equality, justice and fraternity, but that this was rejected.

"Our second proposal," which he said was accepted by the national congress, called for the "establishment of an independent Palestinian state on each foot of land in Palestine from which the Israelis withdrew."

Arafat said any meetings among U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat were "of no significance as I was only a continuation of the conspiracy against our population."

He said he was certain the talks would "reach a dead point," even if "some cosmetics" were applied.

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PLO group to make W. Europe tour

BONN, March 25 (AP) — A delegation of the Palestine Liberation Organization will visit Bonn and three other Western European capitals next month for discussions on the Middle East situation.

West German newspapers said the delegation would meet with parliamentary delegates from the parties in the governing coalition, but it was uncertain whether cabinet

members would attend the talks. The Palestinians will also visit Brussels, Paris and London, the papers said.

Juergen Mollemann, a free Democratic Party member, said the visit was planned last year and was not the result of a recent tour of the Middle East by French President Giscard d'Estaing or Austria's move to grant the PLO limited diplomatic recognition.

PLO foils Israeli landing attempt

BEIRUT, March 25 (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization said its forces have foiled an attempt by Israeli navy vessels Monday to land troops on the southern Lebanese coast.

The PLO-run news agency Wafa said in a statement an unspecified number of Israeli navy vessels approached the coast south of the Palestinian refugee camp of Rashidiyeh Monday evening "in an attempt to land troops."

"Our defenders foiled the landing attempt

by opening fire at the vessels and forcing them to sail away," the statement said.

The report, which couldn't be independently verified, said Palestinian commando forces in the coastal region of southern Lebanon were put in a state of alert to "face all possibilities."

Rashidiyeh, 10 miles north of the Israeli frontier, houses 13,000 Palestinian refugees registered with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

livestock as well as other equally destructive practices have been of common occurrence lately in the area."

He called the news conference in answer to Ethiopia's relief and aid commissioner Shimelis Adugna who said last week about 1.8 million people needed food and other help following the Ogaden war of 1977-78 and drought.

Ethiopia escalating war, Somalia says

GENEVA, March 25 (R) — Somalia Tuesday accused Ethiopia of stepping up military action recently in the Ogaden region of southern Ethiopia.

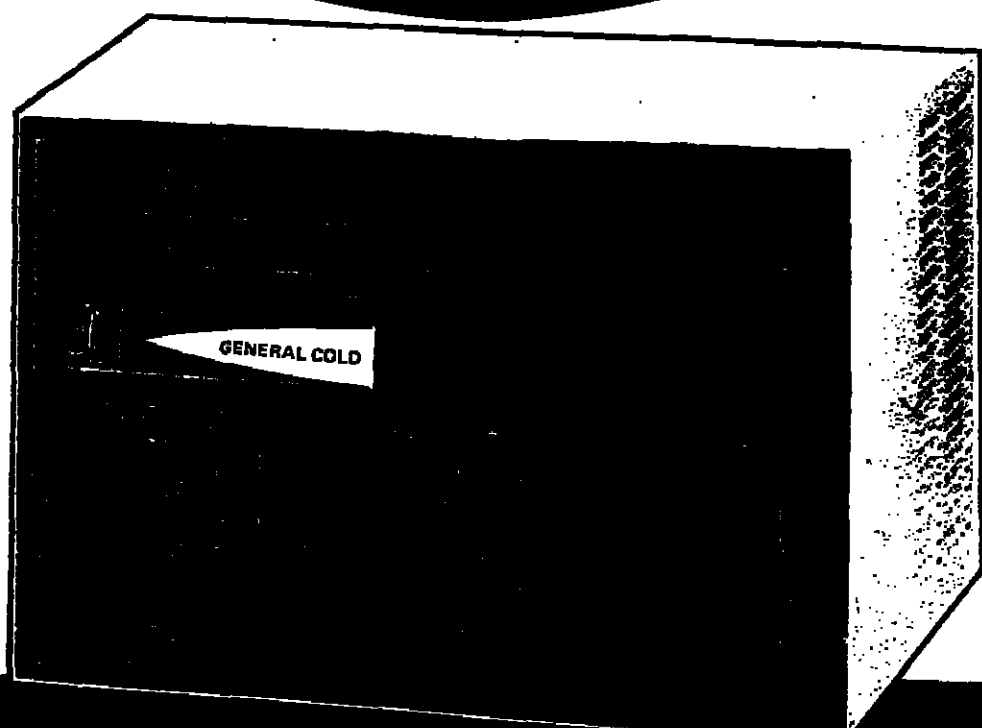
Somali Ambassador Abdullahi Said Osman told a news conference here: "Constant aerial bombardments against civilian targets and settlements, burning of villages, poisoning of wells of nomads, and destruction of their

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Louisville wins NCAA basketball championship

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, March 25 (AP) — Superstar Darrell Griffith scored a game-high 23 points Monday night, helping the Louisville Cardinals to their tense 59-54 victory over UCLA and the NCAA championship.

"I felt I had to take charge. I'm the senior," Louisville's All-American guard said.

Seven points by Griffith in the last six minutes helped turn around the tough defensive struggle and gain Louisville its first national title.

"I knew the other guys could do it, and I

Japan requests WBC rematch

OKYO, March 25 (R) — The Japan Boxing Commission (JBC) said Tuesday they had asked the World Boxing Council (WBC) to consider a rematch after Monday night's controversial fight here in which Hilario Zapata of Panama won the WBC light-flyweight title from Japanese holder Shigeo Nakajima.

Zapata gained a unanimous decision which angered fans, who hurled debris into the ring.

American referee Henry Eliepsu scored the bout 144-143 for Zapata, while Mexican judge Jose Escalante and American judge Harold Lederman had it 146-144 and 144-141 respectively for Zapata.

JBC, however, said a cable sent to the WBC was not a challenge against the scoring of the neutral officials.

"We have asked the WBC to agree on a rematch to satisfy both Japanese critics and boxing fans," an official said.

He added that clippings from the Japanese newspapers were also sent to the WBC. Most sports papers disagreed with the verdict.

didn't want to force anything," Griffith said. "But I felt it was my responsibility."

Griffith also scored 34 Saturday to help the Cardinals beat Iowa 80-72 in the semifinals.

Griffith scored 11 hard-earned points in the first half against a teacious UCLA defense that held Louisville to a poor 11-of-31 shooting performance. The Cardinals only managed to score 36 points in the first half and went into the dressing room at intermission trailing by two.

"Coach (Denny Crum) told us we weren't hustling," said Louisville forward Derek Smith. "He told us to go out early during intermission before UCLA did and just loosen up."

Louisville might have been loose, but the game was tight the rest of the way — until Griffith made his presence known. The Cardinals trailed by five points in the late stages before rallying behind the high-flying, 6-foot-4 Griffith, who leaps as high as any college player in the country with a 48-inch vertical jump.

"Coming back has been the story of this team all year," said Smith, who put in two killing foul shots at the end for Louisville. "This shows a lot of people. They called us a team that would fold, but we really showed them."

The victory was especially sweet for Crum, a former UCLA player and assistant coach whose Louisville team had lost three times before to the Bruins in the NCAA playoffs.

"This time it was our turn," Crum said. "I love it. This is the greatest. The kids really held their poise and hit the free throws down the stretch."

UCLA coach Larry Brown applauded Griffith as "a great player" and applauded the entire Louisville team for its poise.

Choosing 22 finalists

World Soccer Cup quest begins

LONDON, March 25 (R) — The scramble for 22 of the 24 places in the 1982 World Soccer Cup finals in Spain started Tuesday, with matches in Nicosia and Tel Aviv.

Cyprus face the Republic of Ireland in Nicosia and Israel meet Northern Ireland in Tel Aviv in the first of 126 European qualifying games which will produce 13 finalists. Europe's 14th finalist, Spain, qualify automatically as hosts.

Argentina, the holders, are the other automatic qualifiers. They will be one of four South American countries competing in Spain, the others qualifying as winners of three three-team groups.

With Europe and South America allocated 18 final places, there are only six for the rest of the world — two each from the Africa, Asia-Oceania and North-Central America

and Caribbean (CONCACAF) qualifying groups.

After Tuesday's matches in Nicosia and Tel Aviv, the next world cup game will be between Guyana and Grenada in the Caribbean.

The match is part of the CONCACAF qualifying competition which 11 years ago produced one of the world cup's most dramatic preliminary games. El Salvador and Honduras went to war after a match in June 1969 which El Salvador won 3-0.

It was only this month that the two countries agreed to re-establish diplomatic relations which were severed at the time of the war.

El Salvador and Honduras are due to meet in qualifying games in October and November this year.



MOSS IN THE HAIRPIN: Striding Moss moves his "birdcage" Masera through the hairpin turn at Sebring, Florida raceway during practice for the vintage car classic last Friday. Moss was able to complete only two laps before engine troubles sidelined the car.

It's not just horseplay

The Grand National Steeplechase rides again

LONDON, March 25 (R) — For a horse, Red Rum has carved out a nice career for himself.

At 15, he is chauffeur-driven in a custom-built trailer, earns 50,000 sterling (\$110,000) a year opening bars, supermarkets and attending garden parties and has had a race named after him.

The secret of his success? Three victories and two second places in one of Britain's most famous annual sporting rituals, the spectacular Grand National Steeplechase.

On Saturday, around 40 horses will line up at Aintree, Liverpool, for this year's race, with fame and fortune four and a half miles (seven kilometers) and 30 daunting fences away.

Such is the lasting international appeal of the race that over 200 million people throughout the world will watch the event on television.

Many will have a financial interest, having backed a horse for a win or place. But others will be watching in the hope of witnessing the one moment of high drama which every Grand National seems to bring.

In 1956, the vast crowd at the course was already celebrating a royal victory when Devon Loch, owned by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, was well in front just 100 yards from the winning post.

What happened next remains a mystery to

this day. Perhaps Devon Loch tried to jump an imaginary 31st fence, perhaps he suffered a sudden spasm of cramp.

In any event, he suddenly sprawled on all fours and the race was lost.

Luck — good or bad — is often the deciding factor. Fences like Beecher's Brook, the Chair, Valentine's and the Canal Turn have all to be safely negotiated.

But even the most sure-footed jumper and the most expert jockey can come to grief, brought down by a casualty in front.

Such was the case in 1967 when 100-1 shot Foinavon meandered to victory following an incredible melee at the 23rd fence.

All the leading contenders floundered on landing and Foinavon, who was far behind the rest of the field, charted a slow and careful route through the mayhem.

The 1904 winner Moifaa was even luckier — if you can believe the extraordinary story that surrounds his arrival in Britain from New Zealand.

The ship carrying the eight-year-old gelding apparently sank off the English coast with all hands lost.

Moifaa, however, swam for hours until he reached land, staged a remarkable recovery

from his ordeal, and a few days later romped home by eight lengths.

No doubt impressed by Moifaa's frolics by the sea, last year's winner Rubstic trained on a deserted beach in Scotland while recovering from severe dehydration.

One big name not in attendance will be Red Rum. "Rummy," as he is affectionately known in Britain, will be visiting Aintree on Friday, instead, to parade in front of his adoring public before the running of the Red Rum Novices' Handicap Chase.

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Dane, Soviet tied in chess tournament

LONE PINE, California, March 25 (AP) — Bent Larsen on Denmark and Soviet chess champion Evfim Geller were tied for the lead of the 10th annual Louis D. Statham international chess tournament here Monday with five points after six rounds of play.

Larsen picked up a hard-fought victory Sunday over Jack Peters of Los Angeles to move into a tie with Geller after agreeing to a draw after 13 moves with Florin Cheorghiu of Romania, who stood alone in third place with 4½ points. Geller has now recorded four wins and two draws.

Among those tied with four points were Russia's Yuri Balashov and American Michael Wilder, who drew in a short game. John Sedorowicz of the United States and Eugene Torre of the Philippines also drew into fourth place with Balashov and Wilder.

Needing one win to move up to four points were Argentina's Miguel Quintares, who handed Cheorghiu his only loss of the tournament Oscar Panno, also of Argentina, Roman Dzindzhilashvili of Israel and American Lez Albut.

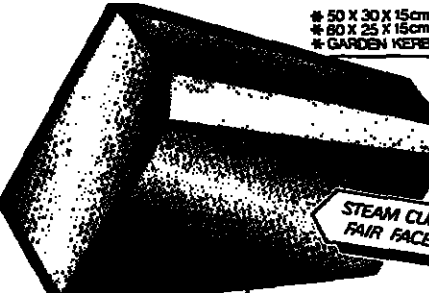
The 43 players from 12 countries are competing for a \$15,000 first prize in the \$50,000 tournament, which is scheduled to go through Wednesday's ninth round.

The tournament is named after Louis D. Statham, the founder of Statham Instruments Co. of Los Angeles who has retired to Lone Pine to breed racehorses.

Meanwhile, former world champion Mikhail Tal held a slim lead in pieces over two-time Soviet champion Lev Polugayevsky after the adjournment of their first match in the quarterfinals of the world championship.

After 41 moves Monday, Tal, playing black, retained one bishop and one knight, while Polugayevsky maintained one rook with his pawns. The Soviet news agency, reporting the moves from the Soviet central Asian city of Alma Ata, said the situation was "complex" when the match was adjourned.

The match was to be resumed Tuesday.



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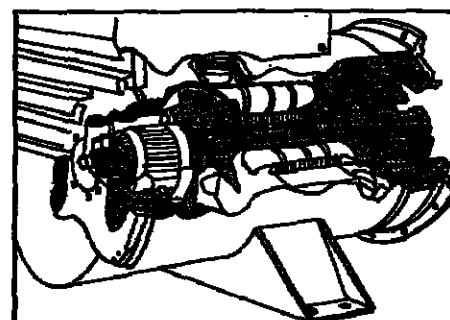
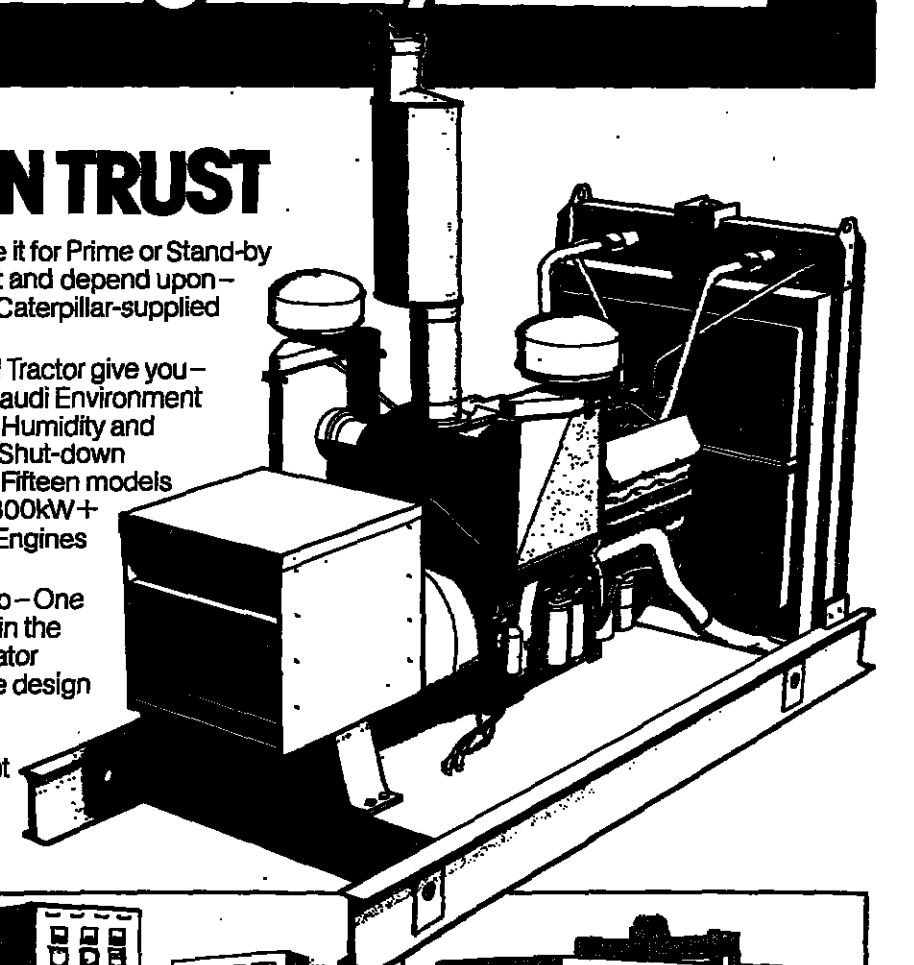
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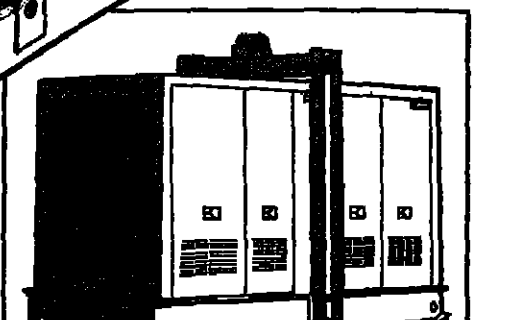
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Carter's handling of hostage crisis 'a failure'

By Anthony Holden

WASHINGTON — A new Harris Poll shows that most Americans now think President Jimmy Carter's handling of the hostage crisis "a failure". But they remain willing in principle to support whatever steps he may decide to take next.

Foreign policy remains a much more prominent issue in the 1980 election campaign than appeared before the seizure of the U.S. embassy in Tehran and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

But now that Carter himself has brought economic issues to the fore, it seems clear that his foreign policy halo is becoming somewhat tarnished.

Throughout the early, crucial stages of the election campaign Carter has stayed firmly in the White House, saying that he cannot make personal campaign appearances because of pressure of international affairs.

The strategy has worked well. The need to put on a bold international face has driven the voters to their president's aid, trebling his popularity in six months and making a hollow joke out of the once glorious candidacy of Senator Edward Kennedy.

A few more weeks, and Carter can be assured of re-election — despite growing signs of incompetence and ineffectiveness in foreign policy which has kept him tied to his desk all this time.

The Harris Poll — conducted after the ignominious departure from Tehran of the U.N. Commission of Inquiry which failed in its mission to visit the 50 hostages — showed voters disapproving Carter's Iranian policies by a margin of 47 to 31 per cent.

Five weeks ago, those same policies were judged "a success" by a margin of 51 to 32.

There is better news, however, in figures showing that the electorate sympathizes with his continuing dilemma. A 72-23 per cent majority of those polled declared themselves "willing to wait as long as

necessary to get the hostages back unharmed."

An even larger 76-17 majority endorsed the statement that "by being so patient for the past four months, President Carter has kept alive the chance that one day the hostages will be returned unharmed."

The poll was conducted against the background of Iran's parliamentary elections, whose interim results do not seem to favor American interests. If a majority of hard-line, anti-American legislators dominates the new parliament, depriving President Bani-Sadr of his power base, the release of the American hostages will seem even further away.

In Washington, passions on the subject ebb and flow, though the continuing playing of solemn music on TV and radio is a constant reminder.

There is no longer the intensity of those first few weeks last November, when noisy demonstrations took place each day outside the Iranian embassy. But all over Washington symbolic gestures remain. Yellow ribbons attached to trees and lamp-posts

signify solidarity with the hostages.

There are still those who argue that forceful action in the first few days of the crisis would have ended it there and then. It is becoming fashionably hawkish to demand the imposition of deadlines for the bombing of Iran's oil and power installations. Others point out that the first measure taken — the seizure of Iranian assets, the threatened expulsion of Iranian diplomats — seem to have had little or no effect.

Many of those early moves, indeed, were put into cold storage or simply not enforced after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in December. Suddenly, despite the worsening crisis, there was a need for rapprochement with the Khomeini regime in the face of Russian adventurism.

Subsequent foreign policy failures — the fiasco of the U.N. vote on Israeli settlements, the snub over military aid from Gen. Zia of Pakistan — have no doubt affected public perceptions of Carter's handling of the Iranian crisis. — (OFNS)

ISRAEL'S ULTIMATE AIM

Begin's government is marking the first anniversary of the peace treaty with Egypt in characteristic style. It is in fact contemptuously notifying the other parties to Camp David as well as the international community as a whole that its aims are the ultimate annexation of the occupied territories, and that no one has the power to make it heed international law. This is precisely what its decision to establish two religious schools and hostels in the center of the historic Arab town of Al Khalil (Hebron) means. And this is only a first step toward the complete absorption of this town.

Al Khalil's importance to the Arab and Muslim worlds cannot be exaggerated. Religiously, the shrine of Ibrahim there is one of Islam's holiest places. Politically, the town has been the center of Arab resistance to Zionist expansionism from the very start. Strategically, the town's position is regarded as the key to the southern part of Palestine. And it was for this reason that the Israelis immediately established the Kiryat Arba settlement outside it.

The question now is, will the rulers of Egypt be convinced at last that all the Israelis want from their "peace" is a cover for the absorption of the occupied territories? Will the international community allow this insult to international law to go unremarked? More pressingly, will the Arab world content itself with shouts of "catch, thief" or will it at last make the world realize that Arab patience has run out, and that a heavy price will be extracted unless the Zionists are made to disgorge the towns and territories illegally seized?

The people of Al Khalil, who have always been willing to sacrifice themselves to the Arab cause in Palestine, look now to the Arab world. Will the Arabs simply hang their heads in shame, avoiding that pleading, accusing look?

By Sananda Datta-Ray

NEW DELHI —

One of the most respected judges of India's Supreme Court has demanded that rapists should be flogged in public. Justice V.D. Tulzapurkar attracted official disapproval during Mrs. Gandhi's emergency by ruling against her draconian press laws, was addressing a New Delhi seminar recently on protecting women from sexual assault.

Hundreds of women, including MPs, teachers, journalists, social workers, students and housewives, have paraded in Bombay and New Delhi to launch a campaign for revision of the law on rape.

These demonstrations began on March 8. They are continuing with public meetings, letters and articles in newspapers, appeals to jurists and petitions to the prime minister.

"Our police rape women" and "blind laws, blind justice" read some of the placards carried by the marchers. "Rape is a crime against civilization" and "women are not utility and pleasure objects" are other popular slogans. Even a few men have joined the crusade.

The campaign was provoked by the insuperable legal hurdles faced by a 15-year-old peasant girl in

Maharashtra province who was unlawfully locked up in a police cell in 1972. According to a Bombay high court judge, two constables "felled her to the ground and raped her in spite of her protests and resistance."

A lower court had acquitted the policemen on the grounds that use of force was not proved. But the Bombay judge sent them both to jail.

Nationwide protest was sparked when the supreme court recently set aside his verdict, arguing that the girl's presumed consent could only be vitiated by "fear of death or of hurt", of which there was insufficient evidence.

Mrs. Pramila Dadavate, MP, wants the case reopened. She argues with the support of statistics that poor and ignorant village women are frequently taken advantage of by men whose uniforms command obedience.

Bombay's newly set-up Forum Against Rape even accuses the police of using "mass rape" as an instrument of intimidation. It sees a clear connection between the similar charges brought by wives of railwaymen during a 1974 strike, wives of miners when their husbands were demanding higher wages in 1977, and Harijan (untouchable) women whose

menfolk formed a militant revolutionary organization called the Dalit Panthers.

It is more likely that individual policemen exploited confused situations to satisfy their lusts, but the evidence is certainly grim. Nearly 500 Harijan women were raped in 1978. The Indian Army, which was recently sent to Assam to control anti-Bengali riots, was accused of extensive raping. Police guilt has repeatedly been proved in the Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and elsewhere.

There are also horrors that do not fall into any pattern. A notorious instance was when a group of men forced their way into an Uttar Pradesh nurses hostel some months ago, barricaded the doors and windows, disconnected the lights, and raped every single inmate.

Women's organizations complain that India's century-old laws are riddled with loopholes and encourage abuse. Rapists usually get off scot free because the onus of proof is on the victim. Few

women in the countryside agree to submit to medical examination, and even fewer will give testimony in court on a matter that inevitably leads to social ostracism.

Justice Tulzapurkar agrees that the onus of proof should be on the accused. He is all for stringent deterrent punishment and favors raising the age of consent from 16 to 18 with a further clause to say that "consent" should be ignored if it is obtained by fraud or under duress. The relevance of this proposal is that illiterate women are often cowed into submission by threats to husbands or brothers, a form of pressure not covered by the existing law.

But the otherwise liberal judge gave grave offense to militant campaigners when he also suggested that women should not wear "provocative" plunging necklines and brief skirts or expose a vast stretch of midriff. His listeners were not prepared to allow for the weaknesses of the (male) flesh. — (OFNS)

Deng tightens grip on China

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON —

China's Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping is proving himself to be as autocratic as Mao, despite the common judgment in the West that "pragmatism" and "moderation" now rule in Peking.

At a meeting of 10,000 cadres on Jan. 16 of this year, Deng placed himself squarely in the Lenin-Mao mainstream of belief in discipline. "I want to say here that the most important thing is that the whole party obey the Central Committee. Nobody is allowed to resist its leadership. If anyone sabotages this regulation all levels must mete out disciplinary punishment."

The first warnings had already been hoisted. In the autumn, the dissident Wei Jingshen went to prison for his "anti-party activities", and, amid a nationally orchestrated outcry that it was time to eliminate "the rats who bite people's ears," Democracy Wall was moved into obscurity. "We are forced to admit," Deng said in his January speech, referring to the constitutional rights of free expression, "that the 'Four Greats' have played a positive part (applause)." The "Four Greats" include freedom of speech, debate, assembly, and writing wall posters.

It is no surprise, then, that the recent Central Committee communiqué restoring Deng's old comrade, Liu Shaoqi, includes a resolution to excise the "Four Greats" from the constitution.

Like Mao, Deng is convinced that "bourgeois democracy" is dangerous. Democracy Wall, therefore, and "the so-called democrats and dissidents like Wei Jingshen and his ilk" cannot be ignored, Deng insists, because although their numbers are small, "a few people can sabotage our great cause."

This is where China's newly promulgated criminal

code comes in, according to the vice-premier. "What's the point of talking about a legal system unless all these large numbers of criminal elements are severely dealt with?" China's "art and literature comrades", including the very writers recently released from toiling in pigsties and ox-pens are reminded to play their part. Deng wants them to "regularly and spontaneously regard the overall situation as the most important thing."

In 1942, Mao laid the foundation for such directives. "We must severely criticize and repudiate all works of literature and art expressing opposition to the Communist Party." Only terrifies in the revolutionary ranks, the late Chairman observed, would fail to agree.

After Deng's January speech, his soon-to-be appointed Secretary-General Hu Yaobang, then the propaganda minister, presided at a meeting of script-writers where it was agreed that "realism does not mean that one should write about everything in life." The concern was that Socialist literature and art should combine with progressive political tendencies. Earlier, at a commission on discipline, Hu had threatened retribution against "factionalists" and "double-dealers" who oppose the party line.

Deng's demands for order and discipline, coupled with his warnings that mere handfuls of enemies can achieve terrible things, would have found favor with Mao. There were 700,000 production brigades, Mao once pointed out. What if each committed one error and these were exposed in print?

"What would be the result? Our state would collapse, and even if the imperialists didn't come, the people would rise up and overthrow us. We would perish within a week." — (OFNS)

saudi press review

A majority of newspapers led Tuesday with the annual report of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA), which Governor Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Quraishi submitted to King Khaled Monday. *Al Nadwa* led with the monarch's patronage of a special horse race which was organized by the Riyadh Racecourse Club Monday. *Okaz* played as its lead story the Arab League Council's continued deliberations in Tunis on a joint Arab stance to confront the process of normalization being carried out by Egypt and Israel. The general strike on the West Bank of the Jordan in the wake of Israel's decision to set up a Jewish institute in occupied Hebron was the lead in *Al Yam*.

In a broad front-page story, *Al Jazirah* said the Shah and the hostages are again on a "hot roof", further reporting that President Sadat received the former Shah of Iran officially and accompanied him up to the hospital. Almost all

the newspapers frontpaged Israel's decision to open Jewish schools in occupied Hebron and a general strike in the town in protest against the Jewish move. *Al Riyadh* carried as its front-page story the Islamic conference being held in Famagusta, Cyprus and reported Raouf Denktash, leader of Turkish Cypriots urging the conference to support the struggle of Cypriot Muslims. In a front-page story, *Al Nadwa* reported "strong Iranian reaction" on the former Shah's return to Egypt.

Newspaper reports about a friendship and alliance accord between Syria and the Soviet Union was covered as a front-page story by *Okaz*, while *Al Yam* gave front-page highlight to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's visit to Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates on his way to India.

Commenting on SAMA's annual report, *Al Medina* said it provides all elements of satisfaction and rejoicing, as it speaks of continuous progress and

development and salvation from inflation and bottlenecks. The paper said economists could make a scientific analysis of the report, but the outstanding feature is the progressive economy. It added that the private sector's activities are on the increase as a result of the state's encouragement and stress on minimum oil dependence. Saudi Arabia's successful attempt to check inflation is a matter of pride. It has insured the growth of local economy on firm grounds, the paper added.

On the same subject, *Al Jazirah* said that all facts about Saudi economy progress in the second development plan have been highlighted by the SAMA report which has also given a bright picture of the economy's future. The economic boost during the past four years provides reassuring proof of the government's wise financial policy. Its ability to curb inflation is clear manifestation of a sound economic approach with the first and the second develop-

ment plans, said the paper. The paper described the report as elaborate, precise and expressive of the volume of efforts exerted for economic development. The country not only admires the facts and figures contained in the report but it also looks forward toward the future with great satisfaction and optimism, it said.

Al Nadwa also dwelled on SAMA's report saying it provides satisfactory proof that the country is marching on a correct path. The facts put forward by the report reflect the state's keenness to secure all its requirements through the private sector. It is hoped that such a measure will cause the imports to decline through a development and increase in indigenous products, said the paper.

Any observer of the Kingdom's development policy might have noticed that great emphasis had been laid on industry and agriculture, since imports in these

spheres have been consuming huge financial resources. Increased production in these fields in the future will cut short the imports and thus save national income, the paper added.

In an editorial on current session of the Arab League in Tunis, *Okaz* said that fundamental changes in the European stance will tend to provide a strong spur to the League's efforts to prove itself as an instrument that serves the Arab society and strives to realize pan-Arab interests. The paper added that the Arab nation urged the League to form a strategy that should be able to influence world public opinion with the Arab views. The League would do better to exploit international stances in support of Arab rights and concepts, said the paper, adding that it could be possible only through a streamlining of the Arab ranks and the League providing a reassuring symbol of Arab unity.

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An impressionist at work in Jeddah

JEDDAH — The works of Shirley Chu Mitschke now hang at the Meridian Hotel's French Restaurant. The collection includes "Paris Impressionist." The 13 paintings have brought color and life to the routine greens and lavenders of the dining room. The exhibition also brings out Mitschke's versatility. Before the Jeddah exhibition, Mitschke concentrated on natural life, scroll painting and figurative collages.

"I thought if I was to do some painting for a French atmosphere, that I should do something typically French — so I chose the Impressionist style," Mitschke said. The assignment wasn't difficult since she made many visits to Paris while living in Germany.

around and I had little response when I spoke in English or French. I felt that all the years of lectures and burning the midnight oil over my accounts and the numerous law were wasted and my signature, which endorsed many official letters was worthless in Germany."

She then accepted a job as a typist in a large company with one of the biggest private libraries in Europe. For Mitschke the office was ideally located since it was practically in Cologne. "As my German was very limited, to say the least, the books that gave me the most meaning were the vivid impressionist works of artists like Monet, van Gogh, Cezanne, Rousseau, Gauguin."

"I used to dabble and paint a lot of

Mitschke's hours in Germany were also taken up by her husband, the household chores, meals, the upkeep of her garden and vegetable patch, the office, the education center, friends, and German relatives so she very rarely had the time to unpack her painting kit. "Admittedly, I would rather go cycling and wandering in the German forests, or accompany my husband to the football matches rather than linger alone in the attic with a blank canvas in front of me. The painting by Georg Friedrich Kersting of a lonely artist at work has always haunted me."

"Then I realized I wasn't quite satisfied — something was missing when I wasn't drawing. So I would do little sketches and give

available. For her, meeting new faces and exchanging recipes also included meeting other mothers and playmates for her little girl. The ideal weather also succeeded in tempting her to spend afternoons and evenings on the tennis courts.

"Personally, I have found painting to be extremely lonely — especially as I have to turn my back on others and concentrate just a few feet ahead of me and transform a blank sheet of canvas so that it makes sense as a visual means of communication. As I can hardly bear to turn my back on my little daughter when she is awake, I have to make an effort to add the wee hours of dawn or the late, later hours of the night to my day. Long hours of bending over a piece of work that requires minute detail can have noticeable effects on the eyes and posture of an artist — namely she squints and has a hunchback."

"Although I have done many things and have had many distractions while living in several countries, people have said to me that my art appeals to them because it is different — has a fresh approach and can be easily recognized. My style is different because it pertains to real life. Sometimes I draw flowers withered rather than fresh. I draw life as it



Le Jardin des Tulipes

The Meridian exhibition is Mitschke's third show. She first exhibited in the April 1979 Fine Arts Society's Jeddah dome exhibition. Then came the 15th Century Art Show at Redec, where she was among eight artists on display.

Mitschke has not always painted nor strived to be a painter. She grew up in Malaysia and did art and posters at school but her parents objected to a serious study of art. After graduation, she worked as an assistant examiner of accounts and constitutional law, but soon married and went to Germany to live with her husband.

"After I married, I felt that in terms of a career I had forfeited my ace for zero. There were no Chinese or Malaysians for miles

Malaysian scenes, villages, Chinatown and do Chinese scrolls, but the first few years in Germany flabbergasted me. The art was so different from anything I ever knew. I visited a lot of art galleries to absorb European art. I read a lot about European art and techniques."

Soon, for her lunch breaks, Mitschke found herself spending time at the library. After five years she had become wholly involved with the biography of each of her favorite artists. The last four years of her stay in Germany were busy and hectic since she started teaching in the evenings.

"So I spent my days working, my nights teaching and lunch hours I spent absorbing art in the art museums of Cologne."

them to friends. I was finding my way, but work kept me too busy — but in the back of my mind art was always there."

Mitschke's patch soon brought her to Jeddah, where she began doing a little painting, but still found her life full. "When I arrived in Jeddah, my little daughter was three months old. Although this time I did unpack my painting kit, I never really got started with actual painting. I was fascinated by the development of my child, and the new environment claimed a great deal of my time."

In addition, she accepted an invitation to be a member of the Jeddah International Gourmet Club. She spent practically every morning scouting the various vegetable souks for all the different sorts of supplies locally

"I realized I wasn't quite satisfied. Something was missing when I wasn't drawing."

is — not as people think it should appear. The figurative collage is different. It shows many people doing their different jobs at once with vivid colors. At the same time it shows habits and characteristics of people in Saudi Arabia. All can be seen in one picture.

Art is an expensive hobby, not only in terms of long irregular hours, but also the money an artist has to pay for brushes, paints, canvases, glass and frames.

"One should have the gumption to support one's hobby, if not through the sale of one's art at least through supplement income from an acceptable part-time undertaking. Making one's own way in the competitive world of art is half the fun. Establishing one's personality and sincerity is very important for the finished canvas never fails to radiate the glow of a free artist."

Another decision an artist has to make is whether to part with his paintings, and if so at what price? Sales benefit dealers more than artists, yet artists are often accused of selling out when they charge a fee.

Mitschke said she is grateful her parents insisted she pay attention to mathematics and other subjects, rather than commit herself totally to art. "Today I have other occupations to fall back on should I be confronted with lean years, but I shall always be able to paint. Not because I have no other alternative, but because I feel sincerely free as an artist. Moreover, my profession affords me a lot of leeway."

"It was an exhilarating experience to paint the Paris scenes. Finally, five years of dabbling found its way into proper expression." And though the works are not masterpieces, they do establish Mitschke as a budding artist in her own right.

The all-new schizophrenic look for Fall

By Marylon Luther
The Los Angeles Times

MILAN, — Get ready to wear your blazer backwards, your pants with one leg trousered, one leg skirted and your knee-length skirt with the front bisected into cuffed trousers.

It's all part of the new schizophrenic look that characterizes the latest Italian clothes for Fall. First, there's the manic-depressive hemline — up one minute, down the next with highs and lows from mini to maxi. Some long-time fashion watchers see these hemlines tied to the dollar, and there's a lot of talk about high heels for high times. Mega-bucks for minis. Others say the hemline craziness is merely another mark of mass fashion confusion triggered by economic uncertainties.

With prices up 20 per cent to 30 per cent over last Fall and travel expenses now averaging 300-a-day, air fare excluded, the cost of doing business in Europe is now so inflated that designers cannot afford to take too many chances.

There are, in fact, a lot of tranquilized clothes here — jackets, skirts, pants and sweaters so moderate, so even-tempered, so last-year-in-Paris as to be dull, or, in some cases, so magnificently mindless as to be beautiful but dumb. Cases in point: the non-stop parade of ivory wool flannel pantsuits — 99 and 44-100 per cent pure classic.

The man they call the king of the blazers, Giorgio Armani, proved himself worthy of the title by issuing newly elongated jackets and pairing them with cuffed trouser-skirts, some of them hybrids made with pants legs in front, skirts in the rear. Man-tailoring reaches new highs at Armani in navy pin stripe suits so authentically executed that they might also have been shown in his men's wear collection. The masculine look is emphasized by the use of low heel shoes — either inch-high suede pumps or oxfords.

The newest Armani pants have side pleats and-peg in a little at the cuffs. Some of these are dramatized with contrast fabric, as in black velvet pants with pleat insets of black and white prints. Others are in leather embossed to look like cobblestones.

Armani's somber colors — smoke, blue,



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gray, brown, black and white — extend into evening, where the only dresses have stiffened strapless bodies of iridescent taffeta. The dresses are bisected at the waist and rimmed at the hem in matching velvet.

If Armani's inspiration is woman as custom-tailored man, Gianni Versace's is woman as little boy, complete with oversized mean—little-kid jackets in checked wool, leather jodhpurs and visored newsboy caps. The big, roomy, round-shouldered jacket is a signature in both this collection and the one Versace designs for Genny. His half-pant, half-skirt look first appeared in white leather with gold etching. It is worn with a white leather blazer. The look reappears later in softer, satiny panne velvet and chiffon.

Versace goes on the gold standard in magnificent metallic embroideries on oversized white flannel overcoats. They appear on

sleeves, collars, back yokes, even on shoes. Versace's one concession to folklorico comes in his Greek-inspired, full-skirted dresses over pants, all shown with leather blouses.

At a time when others are putting aside fashion invention in favor of salability, Mariuccia Mandelli of Krizia comes up with a collection that is as witty as it is wearable, as directional as it is beautiful. Of all the shoulder shenanigans on tap for next Fall, Mandelli's gold braid epaulettes on silk tunics might well become the trendiest. Her bolder shoulders look like they were inspired by the bridegrooms they put atop Viennese wedding cakes.

The Mandelli wit also appears in such accessories as fake leopard spots and ankle warmers. And jewel-encrusted lacey dickeys that transform otherwise simple black angora chemise dresses into dazzlers.

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Archbishop shot in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, March 25 (R) — San Salvador's Catholic archbishop, who braved death threats from left and right wing extremists in his battle for human rights in violence-stricken El Salvador, was shot dead Monday night as he prepared to say mass.

Gunmen opened fire on Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero with machineguns just before the start of a service in the chapel at the Divine Providence hospital in a western suburb of the city.

The 63-year-old prelate was seriously wounded. Nuns took him to the capital's main hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Police said there was no immediate clue to the identity of the gunmen who escaped from the chapel. Romero, nominated last year by a group of British parliamentarians for the Nobel peace prize, repeatedly denounced the killings in El Salvador, where hundreds of people have died in fighting among left and right-wing groups and the security forces.

After Pinochet snub

Chile severs Manila ties

SANTIAGO, Chile, March 25 (AP) — President Augusto Pinochet, who canceled an Asian tour while in Fiji after apparently being snubbed by President Ferdinand E. Marcos of the Philippines, has returned to a hero's welcome in Santiago.

He announced Monday that Chile would sever diplomatic relations with the Philippines, declaring angrily: "I cannot accept a slap in the face to my country."

Eight jet fighters swooped overhead and thousands of persons at Pudahuel Airport cheered, waved Chilean flags and tossed rose petals at Pinochet, as he left the plane and entered a motorcade for the 24 kms drive into the capital.

The general, known for his stern visage and emotionless demeanor, appeared unaffected as people lining Santiago's streets chanted: "Pinochet! Pinochet!"

He announced the break in relations after arrival at the headquarters of the military junta in the Diego Portales building, where several thousand persons had gathered. "No honorable country can so offend another," he said to the cheering crowds.

Pinochet, who is army commander and led the right-wing coup in September 1973 that ousted the late Marxist President Salvador Allende, had flown to Fiji on Saturday to begin an 11-day tour of Asia when he was advised he would not be received by Marcos.

Information ministry officials in Marcos'

His sermons in San Salvador Cathedral, which were broadcast by El Salvador's Catholic radio station, earned him many enemies.

He said he had received many death threats, with the most recent coming from a rightist group. He also said that 72 sticks of dynamite were discovered last week in the sacristy of the cathedral Basilica. Their detonation would have devastated nearby blocks of houses and killed scores of people, he said.

El Salvador's ruling civilian-military junta issued a statement expressing anger at the archbishop's killing and ordering a full investigation. It also decreed three days of national mourning.

In his sermons, Romero often accused the junta of failing to act decisively to rectify that he called injustices in the country.

He went to the Vatican earlier this year to brief Pope John Paul II on the turmoil in El Salvador, where some leftists had come to see him as a powerful spokesman for social justice.

martial-law government had said Marcos would be out of Manila on unspecified "urgent business" and could not meet Pinochet. Hundreds of Filipinos had protested Pinochet's planned visit accusing his government of human rights violations, and leaflets were scattered throughout Manila calling Pinochet a "bloody assassin."

Some 4,000 anti-Pinochet demonstrators staged a shouting protest when Pinochet's plane landed in Nadi, Fiji, and he did not go to a scheduled reception in Suva. He had planned to be in the Philippines for five days and then take private visits to Hong Kong and Tahiti "to reaffirm Chile's presence in the Pacific," Pinochet had said he planned the trip after receiving "repeated invitations."

Government offices and private firms were closed in Santiago for Pinochet's return, and buses were provided to take residents to the airport.

Pinochet was greeted by members of his cabinet and the junta and military commanders at the airport, but made no public statement until he arrived at his headquarters building.

All of Chile's television stations covered his return and his attack on the Philippines.

The government-owned newspaper *El Cronista* said Marcos' action was "unparalleled in world diplomatic history and is wound up in the Marxist campaign against Chile."

Refugee flow outstripping international resources

Say U.S. Asian experts

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP) — There is no end in sight to the flow of refugees from Indochina and feeding and resettling them is outstripping international resources, the U.S. State Department has told Congress.

Two ranking department officials told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that renewed famine can be expected in Cambodia in the next several months because food shipments probably will not be able to make up for an expected reduced rice crop.

Nonetheless, they said that the programs to feed refugees in camps in Thailand as well as Cambodians who come and go across the border probably has saved one million lives.

Richard Holbrooke, assistant secretary of state for east Asian affairs, said there are no

prospects at the moment of solving the refugee problem in Cambodia because there are no prospects of bringing warring Khmer Rouge forces and Cambodia's Vietnamese occupation troops to the bargaining table.

Ambassador Victor Palmieri, U.S. coordinator for refugee affairs, said that while Vietnamese authorities have begun to permit relief supplies inside Cambodia, the extent of that distribution is unclear and uncertain.

Thus he said the United States and the world community are faced with an expensive dilemma.

"Until we are assured that the relief program within Kampuchea (Cambodia) can prevent renewed famine, we cannot reduce border feeding operations," Palmieri said.

Thailand urges world to help settle refugees

BANGKOK, March 25 (AP) — Thailand's new government announced its policy on refugees Tuesday, stressing an urgent need to solve the Indochinese refugee problem "on a humanitarian basis, but taking the nation's security and interest into consideration."

The statement, which Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda will read to Parliament Friday, said Thailand will do its utmost to resettle them, but that the international community to increase its intake of refugees from Thailand.

The brief reference to the refugee problem contained in a 16-page policy statement of the new government did not mention whether Thailand will alter the "open door" policy on Indochinese refugees adopted by the previous government of Gen. Kriangsak Chomanan.

Kriangsak announced last year that Thailand will grant temporary asylum to all Indochinese refugees until they are accepted by third countries. He also said Thailand will give humanitarian assistance to Cambodians along the border until they are able to return to their homeland.

The subject of refugee policy recently has come up for debate after Deputy Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs Thanat Khoman and Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila expressed contradicting views.

Thanat, who was foreign minister at the height of the Vietnam war, has been calling for a review of the "open door" attitude. He said it was adopted by the previous government only to earn praises from other countries.

Siddhi, who was foreign minister in the previous cabinet, reiterated that Thailand will not push back the refugees against their will and dismissed Thanat's statement as coming from an "outsider."

Thailand now has about 150,000 Indochinese refugees in camps throughout the country and more than 500,000 Cambodians along the Thai-Cambodian border.

"Accordingly, we must continue to support both programs while we bring every possible diplomatic pressure to ensure the most effective and diplomatic use of the relief supplies," he said.

The officials noted that in addition to Cambodia and the other countries of Indochina, there are pressing refugee needs caused by the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and turmoil in Africa and Central America.

"It becomes clear there is a worldwide refugee crisis and that it poses not only a humanitarian dilemma but a massive financial dilemma as well," Palmieri said.

Palmieri said that through mid-March, the international drive to help avert famine in

Cambodia has cost about \$ 206 million of which about \$ 79 million was contributed by the United States.

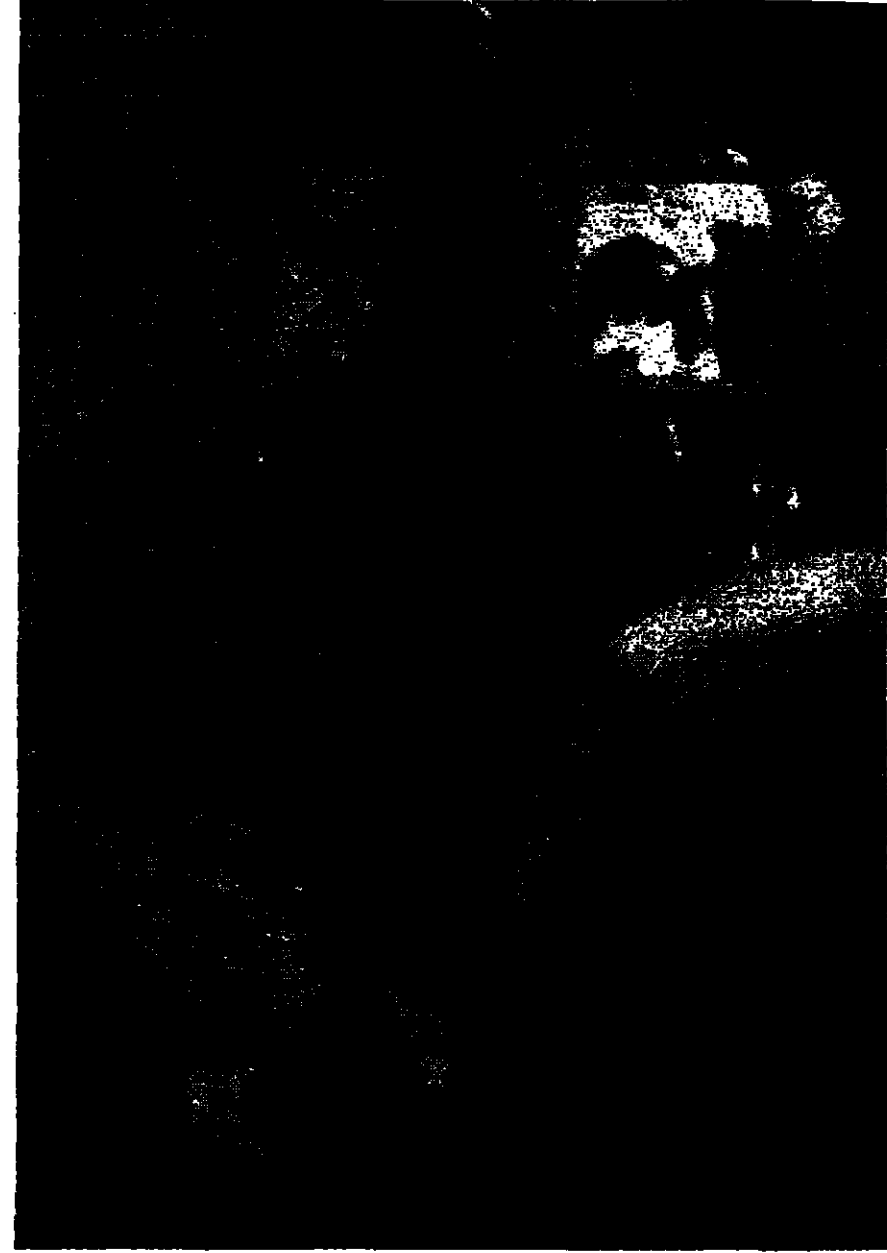
He said international aid now in the pipeline will run out in May. But he noted that U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has issued an emergency appeal for an additional \$ 262 million to fund the program through the end of the year.

Holbrooke placed much of the blame on the Soviet Union, which he said is supporting 200,000 Vietnamese troops inside Cambodia with aid estimated at \$ 2.5 million a day.

"Without the Soviet Union, the Vietnamese could not sustain what they are now doing Holbrooke said.



WAITING FOR MILK: Cambodian children wait for milk at the Tuk Luk transit center in Cambodia.



FORTUNE TELLER: Cheung Gay, a Chinese fortune teller, reads the palm of a Cambodian refugee at his hut in a refugee camp in Thailand. The refugees await a chance to either return to their embattled homeland or relocate to Western nations.

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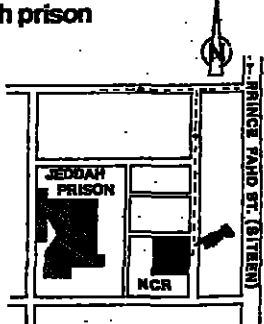
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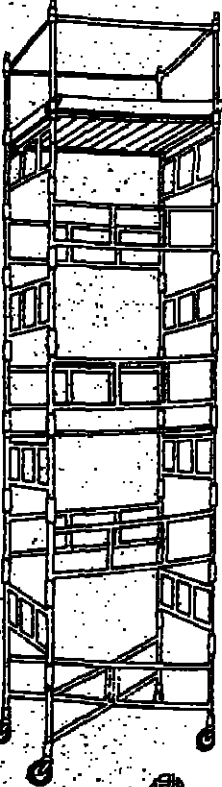
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Communal unrest hits India's eastern states

NEW DELHI, March 25 (AP) — Eastern India is in the throes of communal unrest that some local leaders say could explode in massive violence between the Assamese and Bengali communities.

On Monday, hundreds of members of the youth wing of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress party blocked road and rail communications between Assam and West Bengal states. They were demonstrating against the five-month-old Assam movement, which they accused of attacks on Bengali refugees from Bangladesh and other non-Assamese.

Officials say that at least 50 persons have died in communal clashes. Members of the pro-Gandhi Youth Congress attacked a hotel for Assamese travelers in Calcutta last week and ransacked the office of the Assam Tribune, the state's leading English-language newspaper.

The blockade Monday was peaceful, but opponents of Mrs. Gandhi said it could trigger more violence.

"This could lead to civil war," said Madhu Dandavate, parliamentary leader of the opposition Janata party.

"If the Bengalis hurt a single Assamese, they will be slaughtered," an angry Assamese official said.

The chief minister of West Bengal, Jyoti Basu, who heads a leftist coalition government, charged that Mrs. Gandhi is trying to create a law-order problem in his state so she could oust his government and appoint one that would take orders from her.

The Assam movement began last October soon after the announcement of the January election which returned Mrs. Gandhi to power.

Speared by the Assam Students Union and another regional group called the Peoples Struggle, it claimed that millions of illegal Bengali immigrants from Bangladesh are living in the state and that many of them had been added to the voting rolls.

The movement demanded revision of the electoral lists and deportation of the aliens. It launched a crippling series of statewide strikes and picketed government offices. As a result, elections for 12 of the state's 14 seats in the lower house of Parliament were postponed indefinitely.

Delhi blind stage peaceful rally

NEW DELHI, March 25 (AP) — About 200 blind Indians rallied peacefully and their leaders met with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, here Tuesday, nine days after a clash between blind marchers which led to several injuries and numerous arrests.

"We are prepared to die for our rights," they shouted during a procession through New Delhi.

The blind are campaigning for special government employment quotas and incentives for private industry to provide jobs.

"Mrs. Gandhi assured us that she will look into our demands," R. K. Gupta, treasurer of India's National Federation of the Blind, told the rally after a 15-minute meeting with the prime minister.

F.S. Salam, another federation official, complained that the government does not "even know whether we are alive or dead."

"We do not want charity, we want to work and live," he told the cheering crowd.

Assam is India's principal oil-producing region, and the strikes have cost millions of dollars in lost production. All of eastern India is suffering from an acute shortage of petroleum products, particularly of cooking and diesel fuel.

The national election commission says it has processed about 200,000 complaints of aliens on the voting rolls and substantiated about two-thirds of them. The Assam state government says it is taking steps to repatriate the Bangladeshis, but no official will say how many have been sent back.

Mrs. Gandhi and her aides have met twice in New Delhi with the leaders of the Assam movement, but neither side would give ground. The Assamese say the 1951 census should be the basis for identifying aliens for deportation, while the prime minister contends the cutoff year should be 1971, when many refugees entered Assam during the India-Pakistan war that resulted in the creation of Bangladesh.

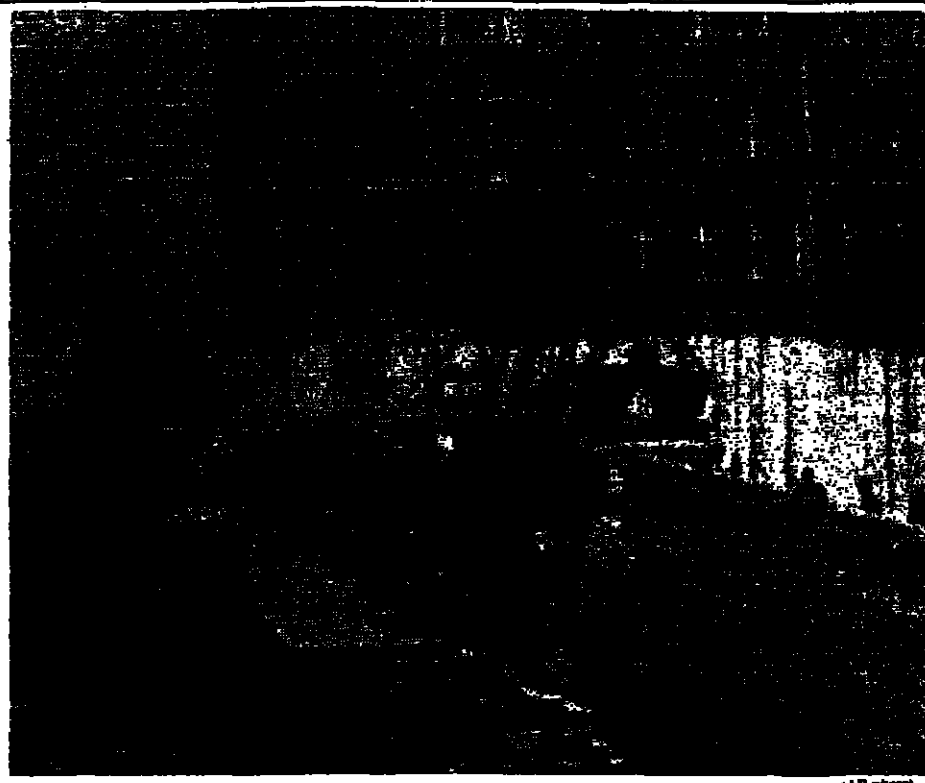
The predominantly Hindu Assamese agitators fear their culture might be swamped and their political identity upset by an influx of illegal Bangladeshis who are mostly Muslim and Bengali-speaking. The students are not affiliated with any political party.

The Bangladesh settlers, considered pro-Gandhi, were expected to back the prime minister's ruling Congress party in last January's election. But voting in much of the state was postponed because of the agitation.

Together with the culturally-similar but Hindu migrants from West Bengal state they could have formed a majority in some electoral districts. The native Indian Bengalis are generally seen as supporters of the Marxist Communist party, however.

The powerful Assamese student groups claimed that names of illegal aliens were placed on voters' lists to help the Congress party, which gave the party added strength while providing the individual alien proof of citizenship as a registered voter.

Hundreds of aliens, claiming Assamese mobs attacked and burned their homes, fled to neighboring West Bengal where refugee camps were established.



NEW WALL: East German workers demolish part of a pre-World War II apartment block to make room for a new section of the Berlin Wall that divides the former German capital into East and West. The new section is being built in the French sector. The wall prevents East Germans from escaping to the West.

In south Pacific

France detonates A-bomb

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, March 25 (R) — France Monday exploded a nuclear device at its Mururoa Atoll testing site in the south Pacific, a New Zealand government spokesman said Tuesday.

Dr. Warwick Smith, superintendent of the seismological observatory in Wellington, said: "The device had a yield of 50 kilotons and was quite moderately large."

French Defense Minister Yvon Bourges, who went to Mururoa in French Polynesia Monday, would not say whether any kind of tests would be carried out during his visit.

He had previously denied a claim by the international conservation group Greenpeace that France would detonate a 34-megaton device underground at Mururoa Monday.

Smith said the explosion — twice the size of the nuclear blast which devastated Hiroshima in 1945 — was measured quite strongly in Rarotonga in the Cook Islands of the south Pacific.

He said two smaller French tests were recorded on Feb. 23 and March 3. They had yields of two and six kilotons respectively, he said.

Dr. B. J. O'Brien, director of the Institute of Nuclear Sciences in New Zealand's Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, said there was no way of telling whether Monday's explosion was the culmination of a test phase or the beginning of one.

Bourges said before leaving Tahiti for Mururoa that France took every possible safety precaution before carrying out nuclear tests.

Last August French Polynesia demanded the suspension of nuclear testing at Mururoa Atoll. The 1963 partial nuclear test ban treaty does not prohibit underground explosions. It bans blasts in the atmosphere, outer space and under water where there is a danger of radioactive fallout and pollution.

U.S. volcano may erupt soon

SEA TLE, Washington, March 25 (AP) — The biggest jolt of the past five days hit Mount St. Helena on Monday afternoon and scientists said the series of small earthquakes is an indication the volcano may be preparing to erupt.

"We know the mountain will erupt again, but we don't know when," said Steven Malone, a University of Washington seismologist.

Monday's jolt measured 4.4 on the Richter scale. No damage or injuries were reported in this lightly populated area in the northwestern United States.

Britain's second-biggest heist

Crooks get \$8.8m in silver

LONDON, March 25 (AP) — Detectives investigating Britain's second biggest robbery in history — an \$8.8 million silver heist Monday in London's East End — found two vehicles Tuesday believed used by the shotgun-wielding gang.

But Scotland Yard reported no progress in retrieving the 10 tons of silver bars stolen by a seven-man gang in a minutely-planned ambush.

It was the biggest ever bullion theft in Britain. The only crimes to compare with it were the great train robbery of 1963 when \$5.7 million in 120 mailbags was stolen from a mail train, and a 1975 raid on the Bank of America's London office in which a gang got away with \$16.5 million worth of jewelry, cash and valuables.

A white saloon car in which two security guards accompanied the silver shipment and a blue camper van used by the gang were

discovered Tuesday, while the truck that had contained the bullion was located abandoned overnight in the city's Cockney East End, 10 kms from the scene of the robbery.

Vaughan Jeppsen, of the shippers Jeppsen Heaton, said the bullion was bound for East Germany.

However, a spokesman at the East German embassy in London said he had no knowledge of the shipment. "I only know what I have read in the papers," said First Secretary Karl Steiner.

In the raid in Barking, east London, a man dressed as a policeman waved down the truck carrying the silver ingots, and the driver and two security men following in the saloon car stopped.

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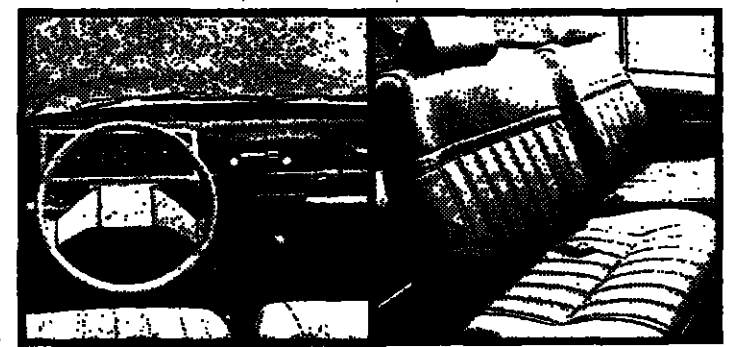
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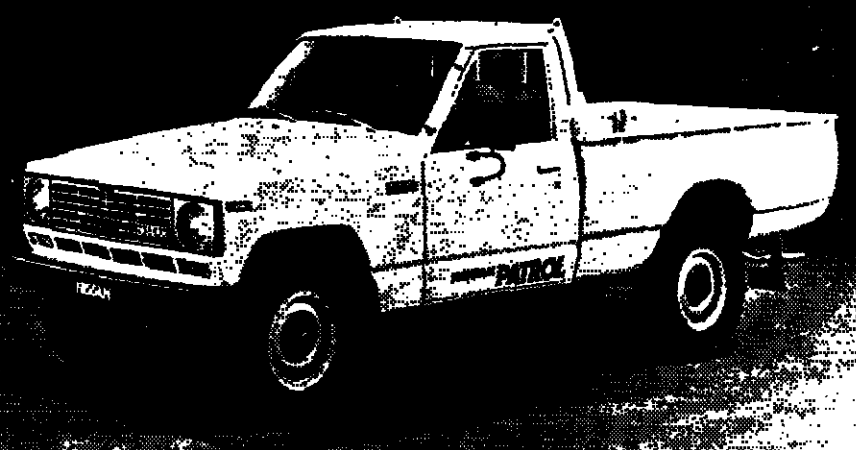
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U.N. predicts

Low growth for West

GENEVA, March 25 (AP) — Low and perhaps even falling economic growth is predicted for Western Europe and the United States this year by the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe.

And ECE warns the effects could be even worse because so little has been done about energy conservation and because "the resilience of some West European economies to external shocks appears to be very modest indeed."

It says the new hikes have "ended the lingering hopes that the first round (in 1973) was a once-and-for-all shock which could be gradually absorbed," and revealed how fragile West Europe's success was in battling inflation.

The commission's annual report predicts the near future will bring "a serious challenge" to the region's policy makers who once again find themselves in the situation they faced in 1973 that got out of hand in subsequent years.

The report says that developments in 1979 were similar to those in 1973 when the oil price increase coincided with already mounting inflation.

Iran withdraws

from joint project

SEOUL, March 25 (AP) — National Iranian Oil Co. (NIOC) is expected to withdraw from a joint venture refinery in South Korea, controlled by the NIOC and Korea's Ssangyong Co.

Korean Energy Minister Yang Yoon-Sae told a news conference Monday that under Iran's revolutionary policy prohibiting overseas investment, the NIOC was currently negotiating with Ssangyong to recover its equity investment, \$11 million from the joint venture named Korea-Iran Oil Co.

The oil refinery, with a daily capacity of 60,000 barrels, is nearing completion south of here at a cost of \$160 million.

Yang has just returned from a 24-day tour of Iran, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to seek continued oil supplies for South Korea, which does not produce any oil.

ing inflationary pressures, two factors whose combined effects led to 'stagflation.'

But this time, ECE says, fighting inflation is given overriding priority and the old strategy of "trying to find the narrow path which would allow simultaneously dampening of inflation and significant growth appears to be virtually discarded."

The report says efforts to keep down inflation are seen in restrictive policies everywhere and general demand is also dampened by higher energy prices that will be passed on to the final consumer. It adds:

"The outlook is therefore for a low and, in some countries even a falling rate of growth. It will thus hardly be possible to avoid the poor productivity performance which usually goes together with output stagnation."

"Real income will be further reduced by losses in the terms of trade, although these are not as large as they were in 1973-1974." But stricter disciplines will be required, it added.

The report says that after 1973, real wages rose significantly faster than productivity, and the result was drastically lower profits and erosion of the financial position of enterprises.

"This time there will obviously be no policy accommodations, monetary policies are being tightened everywhere and this also requires a restrictive budget stance," the report said.

"These policies might — directly or indirectly — hold real wage claims in line with productivity development without an accompanying wage-price spiral" of the kind that emerged after 1973, the report says.

It warns that the new approach by planners involves the risk that traditional concern about short-term economic developments of growth and employment will be pushed into the background.

"As is common in the history of economic policies, the pendulum will swing as changing weights are given to targets and changing assignments to policy instruments. In such a situation there is always the risk of over-reacting in the effort to avoid past mistakes and learn from experience."

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7.00 P.M. Tuesday

	S.A.M.A.	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.34	3.35	3.35
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Swiss F (100)	186.00	190.00	186.75
French F (100)	76.00	77.00	76.20
Italian Lira (10,000)	38.00	40.00	38.10
Lebanese Lira (100)		98.10	97.65
Syrian Lira (100)		79.50	87.50
Egyptian Pound		4.50	4.46
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.15	12.10
Jordanian Dinar		11.08	10.90
Emirates Dirham (100)		89.31	89.31
Qatari Riyal (100)		90.79	90.79
Bahraini Dinar		8.84	8.84
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Yemeni Rial (100)		73.75	73.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)		84.25	88.00
Indian Rupee (100)		—	41.00
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	34.00
Gold kg.		58,000.00	—
10 Tolas bar		6,800.00	—
Silver kg.		—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.40	—	13.45
Canadian Dollar	2.81	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	109.00	118.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	161.00	—	161.50
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	51.00	50.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	80.00	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	—	45.50
Singapore	—	—	1.50

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JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT

SHIP MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON

25TH MARCH, 1980

08TH, J-AWAL, 1400

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Arrival
Ro Ro	Espresso Veneto	Kanoo	Ro Ro Units	25-3-80
3	Al Rayyan	Kanoo	Contrs/General/Pipes	25-3-80
4	Khartoum	A.E.T.	Dunn	25-3-80
5	Golden Arabia	El haqi	Steel/Plywood/General	20-3-80
6	Char Lo	Abdullah	Steel/Gen./Plywood-Containers	20-3-80
7	Constantino	A.A.	Bagged Barley	20-3-80
8	Mar Cadiz	O.C.E.	Reefer	20-3-80
9	Minden	O.C.E.	Reefer	8-3-80
10	Miltem Universal	Star	Reefer	24-3-80
11	Boro Universal	Star	Reefer	24-3-80
12	Alaha	Alsaada	Pipes-Cont. Materials	24-3-80
15	Gripoe	O.C.E.	Reefer	24-3-80
16	Panama	Rezyat	Containers	24-3-80
18	Ionian Carner	Rolaco	Bulk cement	24-3-80
19	Falcon Arrow	Alsabah	Bulk Cement	23-3-80
20	Lok Vihar	Baroom	Bagged Cement	15-3-80
21	Georgios 'K'	Gulf	Tea/General	24-3-80
22	Krishna Raja	Gulf	Bagged Cement	16-3-80
23	Albyon	Bamaodah	Bagged Cement	9-3-80
24	Baru	Star	Cement/General	21-3-80
25	Tysla	Barber	Containers/Gen./Glass	24-3-80
26	Saudi Crown	O-Trade	Cement-Gen./Hazardous Cargo	24-3-80
22-3-80	27	Tribute Five	Alsabah	B a g g e d
Sugar	23-3-80	30	Imperia	Star
Reefer	22-3-80	35	Nedlloyd Delft	Barber
Containers	24-3-80	38	Maldiva Victory	O-Trade
General	24-3-80	39	Sarenfels	Alireza
Pipes/Gen./Milk				
O.C.E.	Timber/Vehicles/Steel	24-3-80	41	Alia
Atzar	Plywood	24-3-80	42	Treasure
Barber	Steel/General/Steel	21-3-80		

KING ABDUL AZIZ PORT, DAMMAM

SHIP MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS

ON 8.5.1400/25.3.1980

CHANGES PAST 24 HOURS

Berth	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
10	Ping Chau	U.E.P.	Gen-Maize	20-3-80
21	Arabian Luluah	Barber	Cement Silo Vessel	28-3-77
23	Barge Giv - 102	SAITE	Containers	25-3-80
25	Al Watyah	Kanoo	Containers	25-3-80
26	Maria	Gossibi	Barley	14-3-80
27	Truck/Containers	B a r g	elnternac-257 in Bags	
B u l k Cement		22-3-80	Kanoo	

In EEC campaign

Parliament supports Thatcher

LONDON, March 25 (R) — Parliament Tuesday backed Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in her campaign for a reduction in Britain's payments to the European Common Market and signs that the longstanding problem could soon be solved.

A resolution calling for a substantial, immediate and lasting reduction in Britain's net payments to the EEC (European Economic Community) was passed without a vote.

Financial Secretary Nigel Lawson said a new document just received from the European commission in Brussels contained proposals to reduce Britain's net contribution, which would be more than one billion sterling (\$2.2 billion) this year.

He told Parliament: "The government has no doubt whatever that the commission's proposals, given the political will among the community states, could form the basis of an adequate and acceptable solution to the current problem."

The document had not yet been published, but Lawson said talks were now taking place on projects in Britain which the community could help to finance.

Britain, complaining that its contribution is too high, has threatened to withhold some of its payments to the EEC if a

solution is not found.

A government spokesman said the proposals were aimed at settling the dispute over Britain's contribution to the community budget by increasing EEC spending in Britain.

Lawson said "If Europe is to thrive it simply cannot impose a manifestly unacceptable burden on this country." He added that the open-ended character of the common agricultural policy had to be changed.

The issue of British payments was to have been discussed at the EEC summit in Brussels next week, but this was postponed because of the latest Italian government crisis.

Opposition Labor spokesman Peter Shore said it was a matter of regret that the meeting had been postponed because money was pouring out of Britain into Europe.

He criticized the proposal that more EEC money should be spent in Britain. This, he said, meant transferring public spending decisions to Brussels.

Shore called for a reduction in the original payments reform of agriculture policy which, he said, had led to the most protected and costliest agricultural system in the world.

To end 12-week standoff

Steel strike panel formed

LONDON, March 25 (AP) — Striking union leaders and the state-owned British Steel Corp. agreed Monday to set up a committee of inquiry to make recommendations for an end to Britain's 12-week steel strike.

The move came after the Conservative government, refusing once again to become involved in the strike, rejected a union request to set up such a committee through the Department of Employment and advised the parties to use a state-assisted mediation body.

Hopes were raised as both sides said they would abide by the committee's views, but union representatives made this conditional on approval by their executive bodies.

Executives of BSC, which puts its strike losses at more than 300 million pounds (\$660 million) proposed a return to work as early as Wednesday under a provisional wage increase that would be adjusted

according to the committee's findings.

But union leaders, whose men have lost on the average nearly 1,200 pounds (\$2,600) in earnings each were doubtful the strike could end before Easter.

Agreement to form the committee followed a meeting between BSC chief executive Bob Scholey and representatives of 13 steel unions. Scholey said the two sides were seeking mutually acceptable names to put forward as head of the committee, with a chairman to be named by the end of the week.

He said the mediation body, the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, would be involved. But he was not immediately clear what its role would be.

The 110,000 strikers against BSC want a raise of 19.7 per cent on average basic pay of 110 pounds (\$242) a week. The money-losing BSC said it can afford no more than 10 per cent plus 4.4 per cent in local productivity deals.

Pakistan receives U.S. edible oil

ISLAMABAD, March 25 (AP) — Pakistan will receive \$40 million worth of edible oil from the United States in the next six months under an agreement signed Tuesday.

The agreement provides for the sale of 60,000 metric tons of edible oil under a public law 480 loan for 40 years. The rate of

interest is between 2 and 3 per cent, officials said.

The agreement was signed by U.S. Ambassador Arthur Hummel Jr. and Magood Mufit, joint secretary of the ministry of economic affairs.

IMF gives Egypt \$700m credits

CAIRO, March 25 (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is to provide Egypt with \$700 million credits to help offset its balance of payments deficit, the semi-official daily *Al-Ahram* reported Tuesday.

Al-Ahram said the three-year credit draft agreement would be submitted to the IMF

board next week.

Egypt has been negotiating with the IMF for about \$1 billion credits for three years and officials from the fund have recently made several visits to Egypt to discuss the subject.

There was no immediate official confirmation of *Al-Ahram's* report.

Kuwait cuts British Petroleum oil extraction quota by 66%

KUWAIT, March 25 (R) — Kuwait Tuesday slashed British Petroleum's oil quota by 66 per cent and the company will now lift 150,000 barrels a day under a new contract, the oil ministry said.

A ministry spokesman told Reuters the new contract, from April 1, would last two and a half years.

He gave no reasons for reducing British Petroleum's quota but it was apparently related to Kuwait's decision to cut daily output by a quarter to 1.5 million barrels from next month.

The spokesman said more studies are needed before new contracts are signed with Kuwait's two other major customers, Gulf Oil of the United States which lifts 500,000 barrels a day and Royal Dutch/Shell which extracts 300,000 daily.

But a Kuwaiti newspaper, *Al-Siyassa*, said that Shell, whose contract does not expire until later this year, would sign before the end of this month. Gulf Oil, whose contract ends on March 31, would sign in the first week of April, it said.

The three companies have been lifting 1.3 million barrels a day of Kuwait's concern daily production of two million barrels.

Another Kuwaiti newspaper, *Al-Qabas*, reported on Sunday that the new contracts the government was imposing on oil customers gave Kuwait the right to alter oil prices

and quotas in response to market conditions.

The five-year term of contracts was also halved and credit terms reduced from 90 to 30 days. Contracted oil should not be re-sold and documentation was required specifying the final destination of the consignment. Arab rules on boycotting Israel and South Africa should also be adhered to, the newspaper said.

Al-Qabas said Kuwait's new oil policy also sought state participation in processing plant investment as a condition for new contracts.

Mali loaned \$10m from Arab Bank

KHARFOUM, March 25 (R) — The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) signed a \$10 million agreement with Mali, the bank's headquarters here said.

The loan to help finance the Savaro-Gao road project in Mali is redeemable years with a five year grace period at a four per cent interest rate, BADEA said.

The road project which costs \$78.66 million and covers 556 kilometers is also supported by the Islamic Development Bank, the West German government and the OPEC fund with contributions of \$8 million, \$17.28 million and \$7 million respectively.

UAE approves \$4.3 billion budget

ABU DHABI, March 25 (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) cabinet Tuesday approved the federal budget of 16 billion dirhams (about \$4.3 billion), an increase of more than 60 per cent on last year, the official Emirates news agency said.

Full details of revenue and expenditure were not revealed.

But the budget provided 2.8 billion dirhams (about \$750 million) to cover big subsidies on gasoline prices in the UAE,

Jordanian airlines loaned \$276.3m

WASHINGTON, March 25 (R) — The U.S. Export-Import bank announced that it would lend \$276.3 million to the Jordanian airline Alia to buy a Boeing 747-200 and five Lockheed L-1011-500 airliners.

It said the total value of the purchase was \$325.1 million.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate of the National Guard, Riyadh	Construction of 23 sunshades for cars in Riyadh and Taif	33-99/400	300	March 29
Directorate General of Education, Eastern Province	Repairs to Dammam secondary school	33	100	April 5
Ministry of the Interior, Dept. of Passports and Civil Status	Catering for the Students of the Passports Institute	20		April 6
Saudi Red Crescent Society, Riyadh	Supply of various types of vehicles	100		May 4
	Supply of drugs and chemical materials for 1980/81	400		April 26
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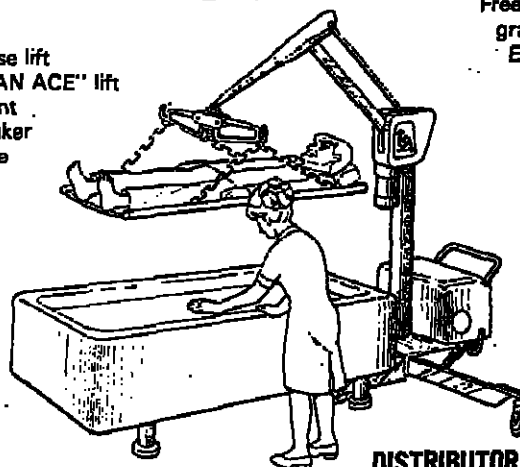
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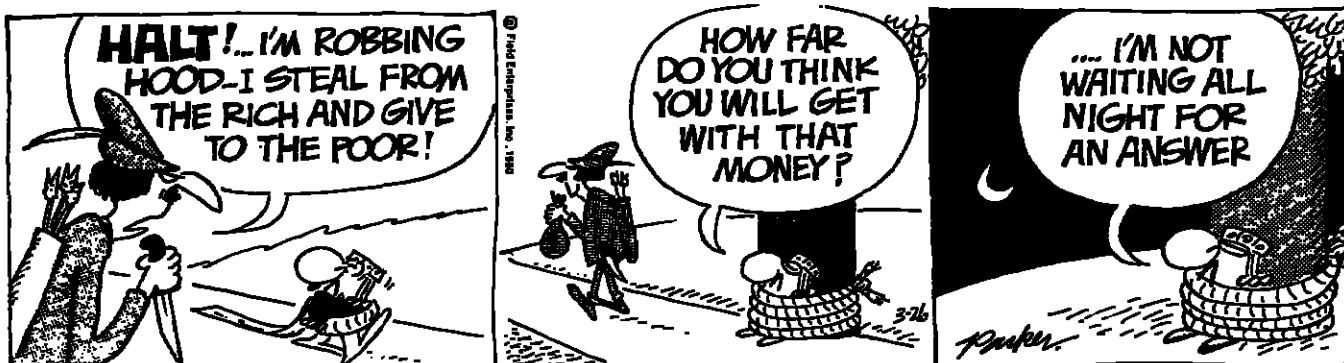
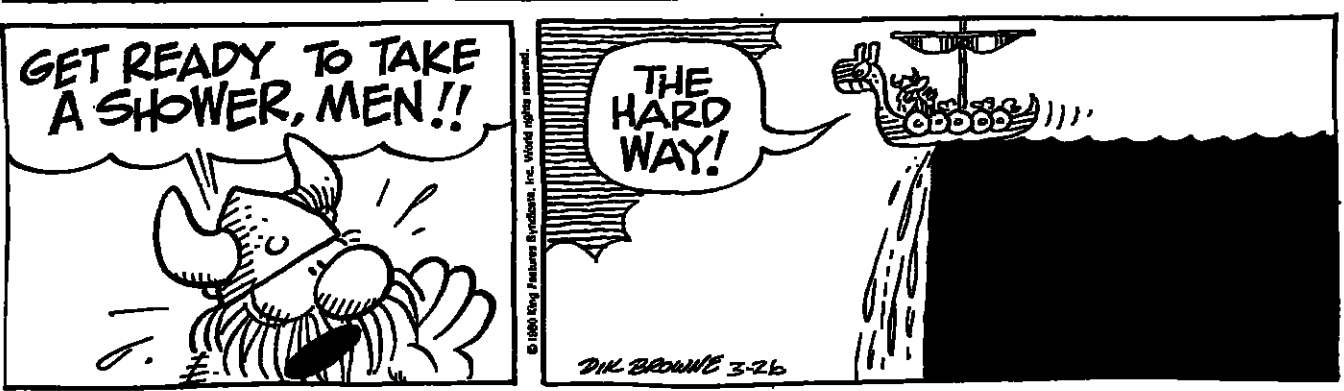
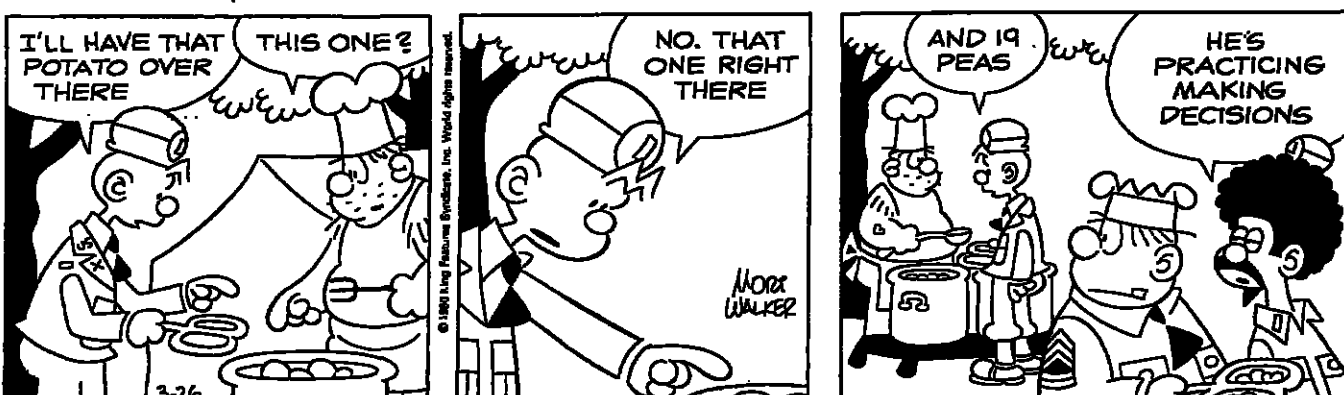
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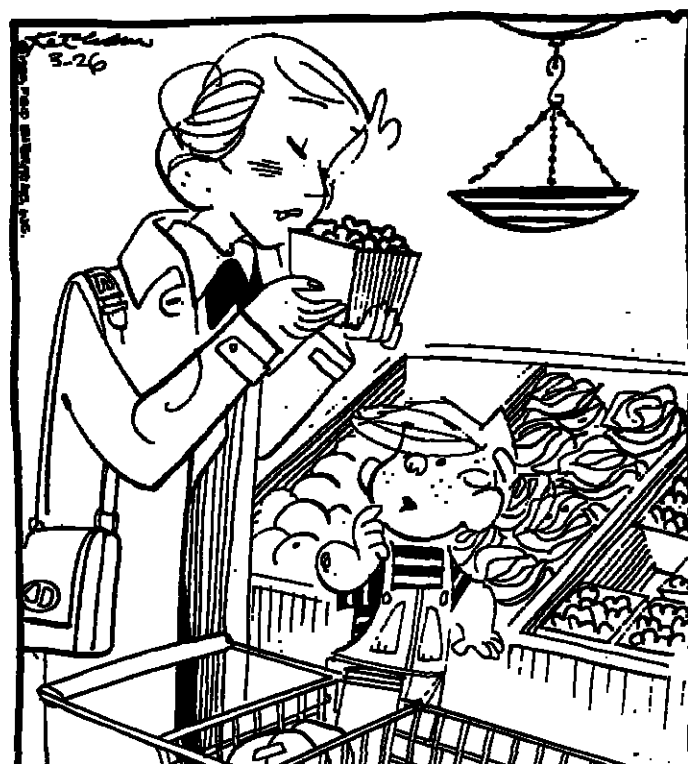
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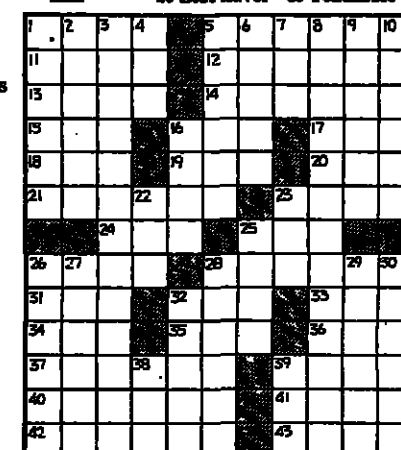
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 City in Maine
5 Covered, as with armor
11 Roman emperor
12 With 25 Across, noted newsmen
13 Hangar
14 Stick
15 Distress call
16 Wipe measure
17 Africa's "O"
18 Australian bird
19 Fast info service
20 Poetical adverb
21 Be a sign of
22 1776 loyalist
24 Unpaid
25 See 12 Across
26 Pict's descendant
28 Companion of Spunky and Althea
31 Marble
32 Core spot
33 Lash
34 Girl's name
35 Ammy
36 Plant
study: abbr.
37 German art songs
38 "MASH" star

DOWN
2 Infuriate
3 Hungarian dog
4 Tyrant
6 Adolescent
DOWN
1 Called the shots
2 Make yourself —
3 1960
4 unearthy
5 Tedious
6 Coal scuttle
7 Land
8 Big spoon
9 23 Saily
10 commune
11 1953 Holden
12 Wet
13 Lost flavor
14 27 Eyetooth
15 Red-eyed polecat
16 Improvised
17 musically
18 Finally
19 Saucy
20 See —, Ca.
21 San
22 Drop the bait
23 Teachable

Yesterday's Answer
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.
11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20.
21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X E
L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

EFF LS LRF EGSNNSA; ASLR
LS LRF QGTAF; FTZR LS RXN
HTNNXSW; IRTL'N XW T WTAF;

— RFGFW PTZDWSW
Yesterday's Cryptquote: INDEPENDENCE IS THE ONLY BOND THAT CAN TIE AND KEEP US TOGETHER.— THOMAS PAINE

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Contract Bridge

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q 7 6 5
♥ Q J 8 2
♦ Q 5 3
♣ 10 4

WEST
♠ 4 2
♥ 6 5
♦ J 8 7 3
♣ J 8 5 2

EAST
♠ A K J 10 9
♥ 7 3
♦ A K 10 6
♣ Q 9 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 2 ♣ 2 ♠
4 ♣

Opening lead — four of spades.
Assume you're declarer in four hearts and West leads the spade four. It's clear that you must lose two spade tricks, so making the contract depends on whether you lose one diamond trick or two.
If West has the king of diamonds, it's easy to hold yourself to one diamond loser by playing low towards the queen. But if East has the king and you play low to the queen, you lose two diamond tricks and go down one.
You should start by making a tentative assessment of which opponent probably has the king. Obviously, East is more likely to have the king than West, because East was the player who entered the bidding.
Your next step is to imagine hands the defenders might have that would allow the contract to be made. Thus you could reasonably assign the singleton or doubleton king of diamonds to East, and then easily manage the play so as to make the contract.
But by your best chance is to try to force East to lead away from his assumed king of diamonds, since that would solve your problem even if his holding were three to the king. Accordingly, after East wins the opening spade lead with the nine and continues with the ace and then the ten of spades, you ruff high. Now, after drawing trumps, you cash the A-K of clubs, ruff a club, and play dummy's last spade, the queen.
Instead of ruffing it, you discard a diamond! This puts East on lead and forces him to return a diamond or yield a ruff and discard. Either way, you make the contract.
As happens so often when you're declarer, you could not feel 100 per cent certain of the ultimate outcome. You had to feel your way at the start and hope everything would eventually come out all right.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

WEDNESDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:07	6:25	12:34	3:59	6:37	8:07
Medina	5:05	6:19	12:35	4:01	6:38	8:08
Nejd	3:36	5:55	12:04	3:30	6:08	7:38

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show	Woody Woodpecker: Robin-Phantom
4:57 Young Peoples Special	Palm Trees and Icebergs No. 405
5:20 Sanford & Son	Head on Collision
5:46 Flying High	South by Southwest
6:33 Voyage of Charles Darwin	Episode 7
7:36 The Duke	Pilot
9:11 Seasons of the Year	Court Circular

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2:01 Holy Quran	9:01 Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance	9:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 Key to their success	9:10 Light Music
2:20 On Islam	9:15 Top of the Pops
2:30 round and about	9:45 Companions of the Prophet
3:00 NEWS	10:00 A viewpoint
3:10 Press Review	10:10 Music
3:15 Music	10:15 NEWS
3:20 Science Journal	10:25 S.A.—A Daily Chronicle
3:30 A Selection of Music	10:30 Sound Sweet and Strange
3:40 —	11:00 A Leaf from Life's Notebook
3:50 Closedown	11:10 Music
	11:15 Sound Latin
	11:45 on Islam
	12:00 Concert Choice
	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	01:00 Closedown

VOA

P.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup	10:30 VOC Magazine
8:30 News Roundup	America: Letter
9:00 News Roundup	Opinion: Analyses
9:30 Special English: News; Feature: The Making of a Nation	11:00 Special English: News
10:00 Music USA: (Standards)	11:30 Music U.S.: (Jazz)
10:05 News Roundup	VOA WORLD REPORT
10:05 Opening: Analyses	Midnight
	12:00 News newsmakers' voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission	4.00 World News
8.00 World News	4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
8.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
8.30 Sarah Ward	5.15 Report on Religion
8.45 World Today	6.00 Radio Newsreel
9.00 Newsdesk	6.15 Outlook
9.30 Opera Star	7.00 World News
10.00 World News	7.09 Commentary
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	7.15 Sherlock Holmes
10.30 Sarah Ward	7.45 World Today
10.45 Something to Show You	8.00 World News
11.00 World News	8.09 Books and Writers
11.09 Reflections	8.30 Take One
11.15 Piano Style	8.45 Sports Round-up
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	9.00 World News
12.00 World News	9.09 News about Britain
12.09 British Press Review	9.15 Radio Newsreel
12.15 World Today	9.30 Farming World
12.30 Financial News	10.00 Outlook News Summary
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12.45 The Tony Myatt	10.43 Look Ahead
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	11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
	12.15 Talkabout
	12.45 Nature Notebook
	1.00 World News
	1.09 World Today
	1.25 Financial News
	1.35 Book Choice
	1.40 Reflections
	1.45 Sports Round-up
	2.00 World News
	2.09 Commentary
	2.15 The Face of England
	2.30 Sports International
	2.40 Radio Newsreel
	3.15 Promenade Concert
	3.45 Sports Round-up

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Work requirements may conflict with recreational interests. Don't let the practicalities of life dampen your spirit.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
No time for fantasy in romance. Be realistic. Accept others' shortcomings. Evening may bring an introduction to a creative type.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
How to reconcile relationship needs with the realities of living together is a concern now. Don't be disillusioned by human frailty.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
A reorientation of thinking may be required. You could worry yourself sick over trifles. Deal with the now and forget imagined fears.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Some lack of confidence possible now. Perhaps, you expect too much of yourself. Face facts re finances and entertainment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
You're inclined to worry too much now. Don't let introspection deteriorate into negativity. Understand of kin, esp those who are elderly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Responsibilities interfere with the need for fellowship. Don't try to escape reality. Be ready to help if needed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Keeping up with the Joneses could prove costly. Be realistic about finances. Some difficulty in launching a career project, but creativity high.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Grandiose aspirations may have to be grounded. Eighteen may seem hard-boiled. Stick to the tasks at hand, and give your utmost.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Others may not live in accordance with your principles. You'll have to live and let live. Don't be misled by dubious propositions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
If someone seems hard to get, it could be that they're not sincerely interested. Spruce up living arrangements with an imaginative touch.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Don't let work get you down. Make sure that your ambition is not causing you to neglect a close one. Evening favors creative interests.

On Thursday, March 20 King Khaled attended the Sixth Annual Camel Races held in his honor. His guest was Sheikh Zaid, the president of the United Arab Emirates.



Ali ibn Jader, 9, walks toward the Royal Box after winning the Sudanese morning race on Eglan, owned by Prince Saud ibn Muhammad. His prize was SR35,000 and a 2,000 gallon water truck. The winning time was 51 minutes, 8 seconds.

(Photographs by Scott Pendleton)



A trainer, at left, watches the horizon for the return of his riders. The course is 22 kilometers long and usually takes slightly under an hour to complete.



A spectator, left, cheers as Ali ibn Jader crosses the finish line. A National Guardsman rushes up and hands him a small placard, labeled number one.





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U.S. warns Iran on Shah reprisal

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP) — While warning Iranian leaders against punishing the American hostages in retaliation for the former Shah's departure from Panama, the United States also is renewing its offer to improve relations with Iran once the hostage crisis ends.

U.S. officials, trying to play down its effect on the hostage situation, said Monday that the Shah's decision to go to Egypt for medical treatment was his alone.

A White House official, who did not wish to be identified, said the "best judgement is that the ultimate outcome of the situation in Tehran is not likely to be adversely affected" by the development.

Specifically, the administration said a threat by one Iranian prosecutor to try the hostages as spies and jail them if convicted is unlikely to be carried out.

Other Iranian officials have warned in more general terms that the Shah's presence in Egypt would slow progress toward release of the 50 Americans who have been held by Iranian militants at the U.S. embassy in Tehran for 4 1/2 months.

That reaction from the Iranian government notwithstanding, U.S. officials are reiterating their position that the Soviets pose a common danger to U.S. and Iranian interests in the Gulf and are reaffirming an offer to discuss American aid after the American hostages are liberated.

The Shah's sudden departure from Panama upset "the hell out of people" in Tehran, one senior administration official acknowledged privately. Yet he dismissed Ayatollah Khomeini's trial threat as "not a very possible or probable outcome."

And a White House official, who also asked that his name not be used, indicated the U.S. administration does not attach "the same degree of concern" to the new trial threat it did when Iranian officials earlier suggested the Americans could be tried.

Nevertheless, U.S. State Department spokesman Hodding Carter warned that "the Iranian government is aware of the consequences and condemnation that would take place" if the hostages were tried.

But for the most part, officials indicated they felt the ultimate fate of the American hostages would not be affected by the Shah's move to Egypt.

"I suppose different people might have a somewhat different assessment," one official said of the possible effect. "My view is that this probably is not going to have a serious impact on the situation in Iran, but you can't say with any certainty."

The official, who asked not to be identified, said even the militants understand that in the final analysis they are not going to get their hands on the Shah no matter where he takes

refuge. "Basically, they knew that," the official said.

White House Chief of Staff Hamilton Jordan and presidential counsel Lloyd Cutler flew to Panama last week in an unsuccessful attempt to negotiate arrangements for the Shah's medical treatment there.

"The Shah wanted to go. We couldn't tie him down," said a senior administration official, who asked not to be identified. "Our clear preference was to maintain the status quo."

The Iranian government had hoped, through legal proceedings, to have the Shah returned to Tehran for trial as a war criminal. Punishing him is the main demand of the Muslim militants who seized the hostages and the U.S. embassy on Nov. 4.

Although Iran and Panama have no extradition treaty, Iranian officials had taken steps they said could circumvent that problem.

Still, the White House official said flatly: "There was never any prospect that the Shah would have been extradited to Iran and that was made clear to him and to his people."

According to one U.S. official, the United States at no time seriously considered readmitting the Shah to the United States for medical treatment. His admission to a New York hospital for cancer surgery last October may have provoked the militants to seize the embassy in Tehran.

The families of the hostages — most of them have joined a newly formed group called the Family Liaison Acting Group — were assured Saturday that the Shah would not return to the United States.

Louisa Kennedy, an organizer of the new group, said Monday that a letter objecting to the prospect of the Shah being readmitted to the United States had not been intended to become public.

Nor was it intended to suggest a break in the families' support of the administration's handling of the crisis, she said.

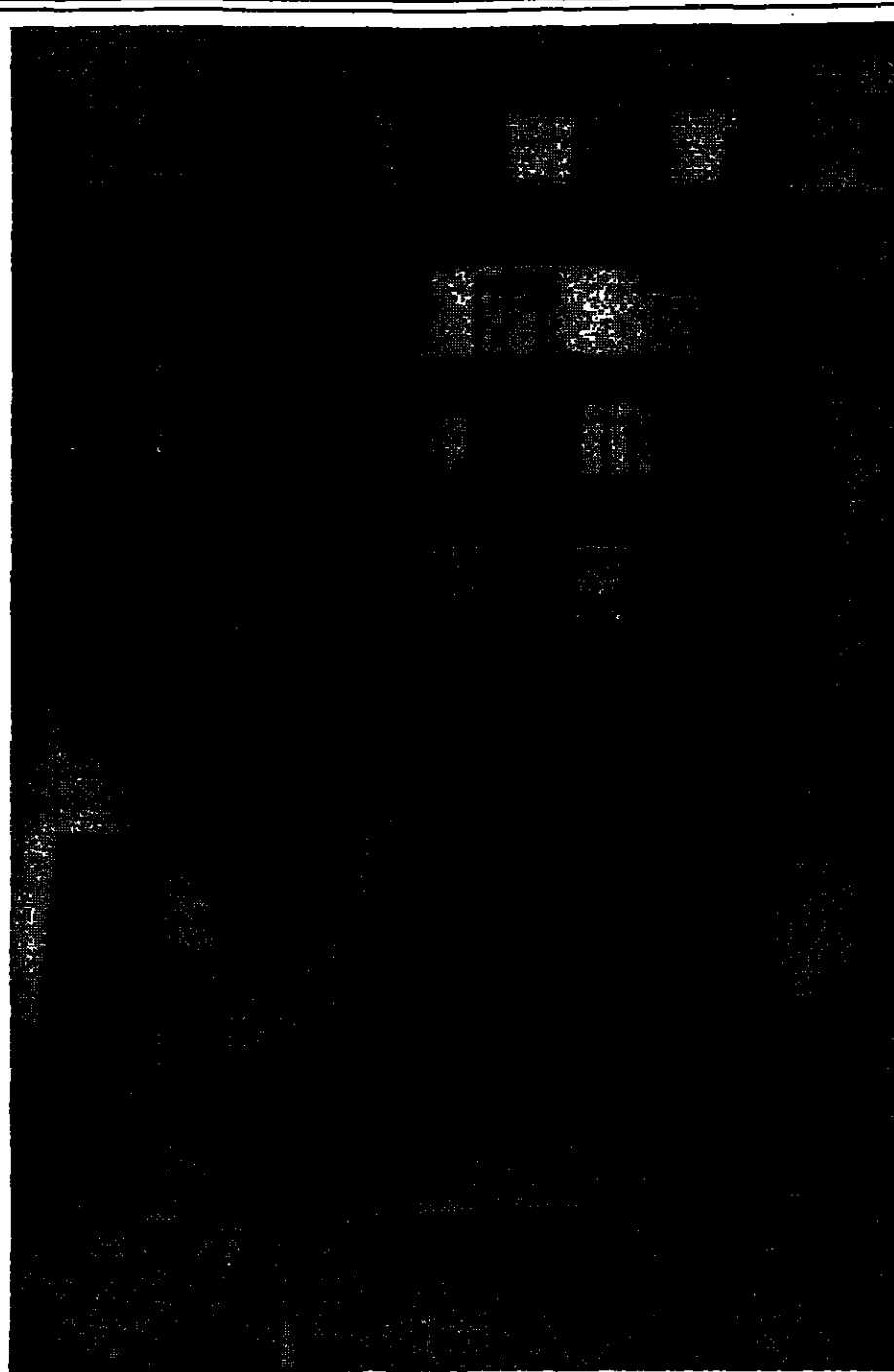
Mrs. Kennedy is the wife of State Department economics specialist Moorhead C. Kennedy, one of those seized in the embassy takeover.

"We have been unified in support of the president in his diplomatic endeavors and we continue to be," she said in an interview.

Mrs. Kennedy said the main role of the new group would be to gather and share information about the Iran crisis and to provide a means by which the families could "share techniques we've each developed for dealing with our sense of helplessness."

Panamanians breathed a collective sigh of relief with the Shah's departure.

The decision to leave came as a surprise to almost everybody in the country.



DEMOLISHED CONSULATE: London firemen douse the smoldering ruins of the Italian consulate in the fashionable Belgravia district. An explosion ripped through the building early Monday, rousing residents into the street in their bedclothes. Scotland Yard is holding an unidentified Italian for questioning.

Mugabe favors coexistence

Says good relations possible if S. Africa will keep hands off

NEW YORK, March 25 (R) — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe said in a television interview that Rhodesia would adopt a policy of co-existence towards white-ruled South Africa providing it refrained from interfering in Rhodesian internal affairs.

Mugabe, in an interview with the U.S. Public Broadcasting System (PBS), also said that although the Salisbury government had power to acquire land for redistribution and would use socialist principles in land resettlement "we do not intend to seize any land that is being properly used," whether by blacks or whites.

He said: "In respect of South Africa, we will pursue a policy of non-interference in each other's affairs as long as South Africa is prepared to refrain from interfering with our internal affairs. We shall accordingly reciprocate and not interfere in their internal affairs."

The South Africans had not directly expressed a desire for co-existence "but from some of the statements they have made I think they have accepted the possibility of co-existence," he said.

Mugabe said South Africa's apartheid policy of racial separation was "abominable."

"But we accept that South Africa is a geographical reality. And as such we must have some minimum relationship with it," he said.

Asked how he would respond to an appeal from South African blacks for help in doing what he had done in Rhodesia, Mugabe, who fought a seven-year guerrilla war against the



Robert Mugabe

white minority government in Salisbury, said: "Through the OAU (Organization of African Unity) we shall pledge ourselves to doing all we can to assist the liberation struggle in South Africa. But as a single country we cannot be seen to be taking up arms against South Africa."

On the reported presence of South African troops in Rhodesia, he said: "I am under the impression just now that most have moved out. If any are still there, you can rest assured that they are on their way out."

Mugabe said he would apply Marxist, Christian and traditional African principles in Rhodesia when the British colony becomes independent Zimbabwe on April 18.

He said he wanted to ensure "equitable distribution of land. But we do not intend to seize any land that is being properly used. In other words, private farmers can continue... whether they be black or white."

Kennedy seen gaining on Carter

NEW YORK, March 25 (R) — Senator Edward Kennedy was given an outside chance of winning Tuesday's Democratic presidential primary election in New York state as a late poll showed an erosion in President Jimmy Carter's big lead.

The Louis Harris poll Monday said that the Carter's support was on the wane, partly because of dissatisfaction among Jewish voters.

It said Carter led the Massachusetts Democrat by 56 to 36 per cent. But the poll was still the most hopeful sign yet for Kennedy who has been trailing Carter in all primaries held so far except in his home state.

In addition, Carter's pollster, Patrick Caddell, said Monday his own poll showed the race was closer than the Harris poll indicated.

The president led Kennedy in polls taken in Connecticut which also holds its primary Tuesday, although 45 per cent of the voters said they had not yet made up their minds.

On the Republican side, Ronald Reagan was expected to sweep to victory in both

primaries, making it exceedingly difficult for his one-time chief opponent George Bush to continue his campaign.

After last week's Illinois primary, Carter and Reagan were widely forecast as their parties' presidential nominees even though two-thirds of the states have still to hold their primaries.

But Carter is facing rising anger from Jews in vote-rich New York over confusion surrounding a U.S. vote in the U.N. Security Council against Israeli settlements on the West Bank. The White House later disavowed the vote.

Vice-President Walter Mondale was given a rough reception Monday night at a Zionist dinner by some members of the audience who unfurled a "dump Carter" banner and shouted "Kennedy for president."

Mondale Monday toured the city telling voters that Carter had done more for Israel than any president since Harry Truman, whose early recognition of the Jewish state helped to guarantee its survival.

Gold price drops \$ 20; dollar firm

LONDON, March 25 (AP) — The U.S. dollar was firm against all leading currencies except the British pound and Japanese yen Tuesday.

Gold prices fell by as much as \$20 an ounce after a good advance Monday.

The London afternoon fixing of \$547.25 per ounce was down from \$548.50 at the morning fixing, and down from \$558.25 at Monday afternoon's fixing.

By mid-morning, gold sold at a medium \$543.50 a troy ounce in London, down \$20 from Monday's closing price. In Zurich, the metal sold for \$545.50 down from \$560.50.

The closing price earlier in the day in Hong Kong was \$543. On a subdued New York bullion market, gold closed at \$546 an ounce.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

	Tuesday	Monday
London	538.50	563.50
Paris	551.30	554.18
Frankfurt	546.06	556.00
Zurich	542.50	560.50
Hong Kong	540.98	542.95

S. African leaders urge investigation

JOHANNESBURG, March 25 (R) — Opposition members of the South African Parliament want a swift and searching inquiry into the precise aims and origin of a secret military plan to intervene in the country's political affairs.

They intended to press their demands in hastily arranged special debate by the House of Assembly in Cape Town Tuesday afternoon. Opposition sources said the main issues to be raised would be:

— Who was responsible for the plan and for its implementation.

— Setting up a special select committee to investigate the affair.

The principle of impartiality and non-interference by the military in political affairs; and

— Apparent attempts to manipulate news media.

Tuesday's debate followed disclosure in the Johannesburg *Sunday Times* of a confidential army document on a strategy to blunt criticism of defense spending increases anticipated in Wednesday's budget.

The report caused a nationwide outcry and Prime Minister Pieter Botha, who is also defense minister, Monday dissociated himself from it. He ordered a formal inquiry under former Defense Chief Admiral Hugo Biermann into its compilation and contents.

The report, headed "Psychological Action Plan — Defense Budget Debate," outlined ways to defuse opposition during the budget debate by manipulating the news media to present the armed services in a favorable light.

Tito's condition improves slightly as fever abates

BELGRADE, March 25 (AP) — President Josip Broz Tito was still suffering from pneumonia but a high temperature showed slight signs of falling, his doctors said Tuesday.

No change was reported in the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader's other afflictions but government spokesman Tone Vahan said the medical advisory "appears to show that the situation with the pneumonia has improved somewhat."

Tito's doctors said his heart and cardiovascular system were "relatively stable."

The general state of health of President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito continues to be very grave," the eight-doctor medical panel said.

They said intensive treatment, undeciphered, was continuing.

The doctor's midday advisory, more detailed than most, was the first indication that a new antibiotic might be helping to combat Tito's pneumonia.

Tito, however, was also suffering from kidney failure, heart weakness and occasional outbreaks of internal bleeding.

The Yugoslav president had spent 74 straight days in the Ljubljana Clinical Center as of Tuesday.

Tito's pneumonia was first disclosed on Feb. 23. The disease commonly brings about death for patients suffering from Tito's combination of afflictions.

The American drug company Eli Lilly said last week that Tito's doctors had requested an experimental antibiotic to use in treating him.

Tito's medical council said Sunday it had changed antibiotics, but gave no direct confirmation that it had switched to the American drug. The U.S. drug has not been fully tested by the Food and Drug Administration, the government responsible for validating the safety and effectiveness of medicines.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

There is no man or woman who had not at one time or another, resorted to this excuse, "Sorry, but I just don't have time." This is such a constant refrain that this column took it upon itself to investigate the matter. Can time be such a scarce commodity? Or, does the excuse always actually mean, "I don't want to do this?"

To the nearest computer then for some hard facts. An average employee does 40 hour week, with a month's annual holiday. This means a working year of 192 hours. Add to this time for travel to and from work, say two hours daily, and you have 488 hours per year. Then add the hours for meals — a generous allowance — and you have a further 1095 hours of the year.

Now give an hour daily for bathing, shaving or makeup, and that is 365 hours! Then a good daily sleep of 8 hours, adding up to 2928 in a year.

Add all these up and you have a total 6820 hours, of things you simply cannot do without. This is time well and truly of your control, and it has to be subtracted from the total of hours in a year, which 8760 hours, which gives you a sizeable clutch of hours all your very own — in 1940 of them.

1940! And all your own. A full holiday of about 80 days! So you bound to agree that you are not with extra time if you put your mind to it. My you, our computer does not say that people are necessarily lying when they say that they don't have time. It is just that they are either disorganized or enthusiasts.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awsat.

Handshakes er sixth round of Colombia talk

BOGOTA, March 25 (AP) — Government officials negotiating with guerrillas holding 32 hostages in the Doz Republic's embassy ended a sixth round of Monday with smiles and a round of shaking.

It was the first time the officials had hands with the masked woman guerrilla resenting the embassy invaders, indicating some progress had been made.

None of the hostages was released immediately. Colombian newspapers government sources over the weekend, indicating the 20 to 30 guerrillas of the M-19 movement had agreed to free five of their captives.

The five were not named, and their speculation they would include some 11 captives with no diplomatic rank. Diplomats held are 13 ambassadors or ambassadors, six consuls and two Color protocol officers.

Monday was their 27th day as prisoners of the heavily armed guerrillas, who have their demand for the release of 28 imprisoned M-19 members is "non-negotiable."

As in the five previous meetings woman guerrilla with a hooded mask and of the hostages, Mexican Ambassador Ricardo Galan, left the embassy and to a van parked in front to confer with Foreign Ministers Camillo Jimenez and iro Zambrano. The talks began at 2:40 local time and at 4:22 p.m. All four emerged and appeared pleased with the results.

The guerrilla and Galan returned to embassy, Jimenez and Zambrano away and the van drove off.

Although journalists have been barred from areas adjacent to the embassy, photographers using telephoto lenses could chain-smoking Zambrano inside the van turning at referring to some kind of deal.

The guerrillas, posing as members of the army on their way to training, shot way into the embassy during a reception 27. They initially demanded the release 131 political prisoners, \$50 million in passage for themselves and the prisons of Colombia.

Last Tuesday the government announced the demand had been reduced to 28 prisoners and safe passage to some other country.

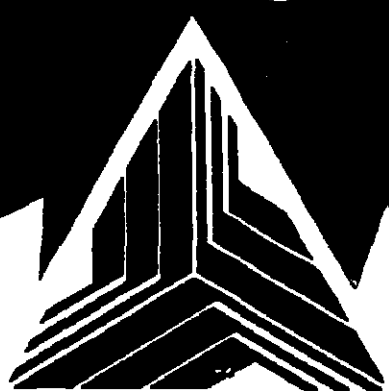
But the government vowed it would release no prisoners, saying they were men criminals and to free them would be the constitution and judicial process. It would only grant the guerrillas safe exit out of the country in exchange for the hostages' freedom.

That stand was repeated over the week by Foreign Minister Diego Uribe Varon. The last negotiating session broke March 13, when neither side would ground, and on March 18 it was confirmed the guerrillas had lowered their prison to 28. The next day they requested the ing that was held Monday.

One hostage, Uruguayan Ambassador Fernando Gomez Fyus, escaped March using sheets to lower himself from a second floor window and then dashing to safety some guerrillas opened fire.

M-19 guerrillas take their name from presidential election of April 19, 1970, they say was rigged against populist dictator Gen. Gustavo Rojas Pinilla, they supported.

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